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THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

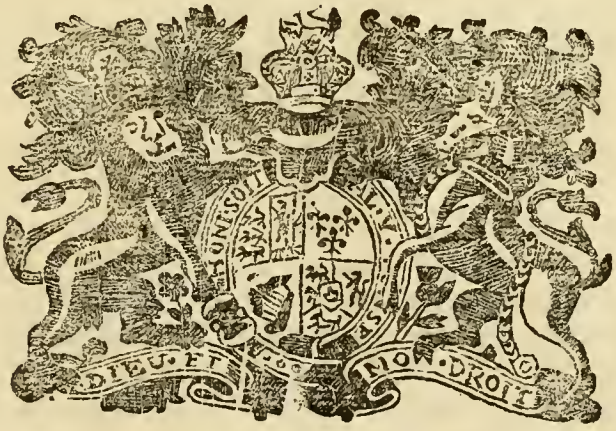
OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY.

Held at *TRENTON* on *Wednesday* the *Twenty Sixth* of *February* 1745-6.



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VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

The Names of the Repreſentatives.

City of Perth-Amboy,	*Samuel Nevill,*	*Pontius Stelle.*
County of Middleſex,	*Philip Kearney*	*John Heard.*
Monmouth,	*John Eatton,*	*Robert Lawrence,* Speaker.
Eſſex,	*John Crane,*	*John Low.*
Somerſet,	*John VanMiddleſworth*	*Hendrick Fiſher.*
Bergen,	*Lawrence VanBuſkirk*	*David Demareſt.*
City of Burlington,	*Richard Smith,* jun.	*Daniel Smith.*
County of Burlington,	*William Cooke,*	*Samuel Wright.*
Glouceſter,	*Joſeph Cooper,*	*Ebenezer Hopkins.*
Salem,	*William Hancock,*	*John Brick.*
Cape-May,	*Aaron Leaming,* jun.	*Jacob Spicer.*
Hunterdon and Morris,	*William Mott,*	*John Emley.*

16th Aſſembly.

WEDNESDAY, February 26. 1745-6.

PURSUANT to His Majeſty's Writs for electing Repreſentatives to aſſiſt in General Aſſembly at *Perth-Amboy* on the *fourth* Inſtant and to ſeveral Prorogations of the General Aſſembly from time to time until this Day, then to meet at *Trenton*, Sixteen of the Repreſentatives return'd, met accordingly; and Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hopkins* were deſired to wait on his Excellency and inform him thereof, and that they deſire he will be pleaſed to appoint ſome Perſon or Perſons to qualify the Members.

Mr. *Stelle* acquainted the Members, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf waited on his Excellency with the ſaid Meſſage, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, That he had ordered a Dedimus to be ſealed and would ſend it preſently.

A Dedimus, authorizing *Robert Hunter Morris*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice and one of the Council of this Colony, *John Reading*, Eſq; one of the Council, *Pontius Stelle*, *Philip Kearney*, and *Charles Read*, Eſqrs; or any two or more of them, whereof the ſaid *Robert Hunter Morris*, or *John Reading* to be one, to tender and adminiſter the Oaths to the Repreſentatives of the ſeveral Cities and Counties, and to cauſe them to make and ſubſcribe the Declaration according to Law, was produced and read, and the ſaid *Pontius Stelle* was qualify'd before the ſaid Chief Juſtice and *Charles Read*, Eſq;

Four more of the Members were come in.

And then *John Heard*, *John Eatton*, *Robert Lawrence*, *John Crane*, *John Low*, *John Van Middleſworth*, *Hendrick Fiſher*, *Lawrence Van Buſkirk*, *David Demareſt*, *Richard Smith*, jun. *Daniel Smith*, *William Cooke*, *Samuel Wright*, *Joſeph Cooper*, *Ebenezer Hopkins*, *William Hancock*, *John Brick*, *William Mott*, and *John Emley*, Eſqrs. were qualified according to Law, before the ſaid *Robert Hunter Morris*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, *Pontius Stelle* and *Charles Read*, Eſqrs.

Then Mr. Secretary ſaid, ' *Gentlemen, I am commanded by his Excellency* ' *to acquaint you, that its his Will you ſhould immediately proceed to the choice* ' *of a Speaker.*

Several of the Members being juſt come from their Journey, and it being within Night, Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hancock* were deſired to wait on his Excellency and requeſt him to prorogue the General Aſſembly untill To-morrow.

Mr. *Fiſher* acquainted the Members that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf waited on his Excellency, and that he was pleaſed to ſay that he would ſend a prorogation.

Mr. *Secretary* immediately came and read a Prorogation under the Great Seal, whereby the General Aſſembly was prorogued to

Thurſday, February 27. 1745,6.

The Members met and proceeded to chuſe their Speaker, whereupon *Robert Lawrence*, Eſq; was choſen and placed in the Chair.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Crane* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him thereof, and that the Houſe deſires to know when they ſhall wait upon his Excellency to preſent their Speaker.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Meſſage, to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would be waited on when he had a Council, which he would cauſe the Houſe to be informed of.

The Members agreed to depart and meet again at two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met and agreed to meet again To-morrow Morning at 9 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday, February 28, 1745,6.

The Houſe met, and (there not being a Quorum of the Council in Town) by his Excellency's Permiſſion, it was agreed by the Members, that they ſhould meet here again on *Monday* next at two o'Clock in the Afternoon, in order then to preſent their Speaker.

Monday, March 3. 1745-6.

The Houſe met in order to preſent their Speaker to his Excellency, but there not yet being a Quorum of the Council in Town, as the Houſe can be inform'd, and his Excellency not having ſignified his pleaſure that the Houſe ſhould attend him this Day, the Members agreed to meet again to-morrow Morning at nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 4. 1745-6.

The Houſe met, and *Philip Kearney*, Eſq; was qualified before Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. *Read*, and Mr. *Stelle*; then *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; was qualified before Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. Secretary *Read*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Kearney*; whereupon the Houſe agreed, that Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Kearney* take their Seats in the Houſe accordingly.

Then the Members agreed to meet again at two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*,

Gentlemen, *I am ordered by his Excellency to acquaint you that he is in the Council Chamber ready to receive your Speaker.*

The Houſe went to attend his Excellency, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair and reported, that the Houſe had preſented him to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to approve of their Choice; that he had deſired of his Excellency the uſual Priviledges, which he readily granted, and that his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes, of which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid, he had, to prevent miſtakes, obtain'd a Copy.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read, and it was read and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

YOUR Country having made Choice of you to repreſent them, I am in hopes that it will anſwer the good Ends of their doing it, and prove beneficial to all concern'd in the iſſue of your Meeting.

The Situation of Things, both with reſpect to ourſelves and our Neighbours, made the meeting of you at this Time (or indeed ſooner had it been practicable) neceſſary; and I am ſorry to tell you, what you and all that be-

hold me may ſee, that my ill ſtate of Health would not permit me to meet you at *Amboy*, as I fully propoſed (had I been able) to have done. This was ſo evident to the Gentlemen of the Council at their late meeting, that they advis'd me to call you to this Place, and this being the true Reaſon of my doing ſo, will, I hope, meet with a favourable Conſtruction.

I need not tell you, that the Support of his Majeſty's Government has been long ſince expired; and that there is not, nor hath not been for ſome time paſs'd any Proviſion for the Officers neceſſary to adminiſter it; without which it cannot be done, nor the Salutary Intentions of his Majeſty's erecting this into a ſeperate Government be anſwered.

I have been at the ſole Charge of Expreſſes ſent with the Publick Letters both to the Southern and Northern Governors, as well as thoſe neceſſary to be employ'd in this Government: A time of War will make things of this Kind more frequent than uſual, as it will the oftner Meeting of the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council, and expreſſes to ſummon them, as well as Meſſengers on other Occaſions.

I ſhall not inlarge upon this Head farther, than heartily to recommend to the Gentlemen of the Council, and to you, to agree upon ſuch a Diſpoſition of the Money rais'd, and ſolely by the Law that makes it, applied to the Support of the Government, and the Incidents neceſſary for that Purpoſe, as will truly anſwer the Ends of raiſing it in the Manner it was done; and that without giving juſt Reaſon of Complaint to any Body, or Room for our Superiors to remark on a different Conduct.

His Majeſty's Attorney General will lay before you, an Account of a late Riot or rather Inſurrection at *Newark*. This was a natural Conſequence of one that was ſome time before that; and tho' I did what by Advice of his Majeſty's Council they judg'd at that Time ſufficient to put a Check to an Evil that had two great a Probability of growing bigger, and to prevent its doing ſo, yet (as appears) it was without the Effect intended. So open and avowed an attempt in defiance of the Government and contempt of the Laws, if not high Treaſon, makes ſo nigh Approaches to it, as ſeems but too likely to end in Rebellion and throwing off his Majeſty's Authority, if timely Meaſures be not taken to check the Intemperance of a too licentious Multitude. I therefore recommend this Matter to your moſt ſerious Conſideration.

Gentlemen of the Council and Aſſembly,

A ſincere and hearty Union amongſt ourſelves is at all times deſirable, and the true Intereſt of every good Man and lover of his Country to promote; as it is the Duty of all to uſe their endeavours that it ſhould ſubſiſt amongſt Us, as being the beſt and firmeſt Foundation of our Peace and Happineſs: But in time of War, when Dangers threaten, and unforeſeen accidents often render ineffectual the beſt concerted Meaſures, an Union and Agreement amongſt ourſelves is abſolutely neceſſary for our ſafety: I do therefore at this critical Juncture, recommend to you the promoting, to the utmoſt of your Power, an Agreement ſo evidently neceſſary for the publick wellfare

wellfare, and to diſcourage every attempt that hath in the leaſt a contrary tendency.

That ſome Proviſion may be made both for our defence againſt our Enemies abroad, and for our Security at home, by putting an effectual ſtop to the malevolent attempts againſt it; as well as ſome Proviſion for the aſſiſtance of our Neighbours, when neceſſary for their Security or the Preſervation of His Majeſty's Dominions and Intereſts. This, *Gentlemen*, as it deſerves, ſo I hope it will effectually engage your ſerious Attention and Conſideration.

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

What I have ſaid before has chiefly been with regard to ourſelves and the preſent Scituation of our own Affairs, which I hope will not be without having its due weight and effect with you.

I have lately receiv'd from the Governors of *New-York*, *Boſton*, and *Louiſburgh* Letters relating to the publick Affairs and Scituation of Things at this Juncture, in which we are or may be greatly concern'd. I ſhall lay them before you for your Conſideration, which I hope will be adequate to the importance of the ſubject Matter of them; eſpecially thoſe of Governor *Clinton* and the Governor of *Boſton*, ſo far as they relate to the likelyeſt methods of the Defence of all concern'd.

Gentlemen of the Council and Aſſembly,

You have now an Opportunity of doing much good for the Publick, and I hope no Endeavours will be wanting on either part effectually to promote it; and that the Bills you ſhall agree upon to propoſe for my aſſent to be enacted into Laws, may be ſo juſtly and judiciouſly drawn for that purpoſe, that I may be under no difficulty of giving it.

The God of Peace direct your Conſultations for the general Good.

LEWIS MORRIS.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read again to-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, March 5. 1745-6

The Houſe met.

According to the Order of the Day, his Excellency's Speech was read again, and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do lay the Writs for electing the Repreſentatives to ſit in this General Aſſembly, with their Returns, before the Houſe, which was immediately done accordingly.

Reſolved,

Reſolved,
That *Thomas Williams* be Door-keeper of this Houſe.

Reſolved,
That the Speaker and any three of the Members, be a ſufficient Number to meet and adjourn from time to time, but that not leſs than Sixteen of the Members, including the Speaker, be a ſufficient Number to proceed to any other Buſineſs.

Reſolved,
That the Members Names to their Affirmative and Negative on any Queſtion be entred in the Minutes of the Houſe, if deſired by any three Members.

Reſolved,
That *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia* do print the Votes of this Houſe, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* do direct the ſaid Printer to print 200 ſets of the Votes, and ſend 150 from time to time immediately to the Speaker, and that he keep enough Sheets to make 50 compleat Sets and ſtitch them, to be ſent as the Houſe ſhall hereafter direct.

Mr. *Hopkins* being indiſpos'd deſired leave to go home, which was granted.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Eatton* informed the Houſe, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf, being two of the Truſtees appointed by the Act entitled, *An Act for applying* Two Thouſand Pounds *of the Intereſt Money now in the Treaſury ariſing from the Loans of the Bills of Credit for his Majeſty's Service*, had perform'd the Truſt repoſed in them by the ſaid Act, and were ready to lay their Accounts before the Houſe when they will pleaſe to receive them.
Ordered,
That the ſaid Accounts be laid before the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Secretary* by his Excellency's Commands laid before the Houſe the ſeveral Letters following.

1. A Copy of his Majeſty's Orders to the reſpective Governors of the Colonies of *North-America*, dated *January* 3*d*. 1744,5.

2. A Letter from the Governor of *Louiſburg* to his Excellency, dated 26th. *November*, 1745.

3. A Letter from the Governor of *Boſton* to his Excellency, dated 13th. of *January* 1745.

4. A Letter from the Governor of *New-York* to his Excellency, dated 27th of *January* 1745,6.

And the ſaid Letters were read and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe to be conſidered with his Excellency's Speech.

The Attorney General alſo laid before the Houſe four Papers, giving an Account of a late Riot at *Newark* in this Colony, and the ſaid Papers were read, and referred to the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved,
That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider his Excellency's Speech and the other ſeveral Matters to them referred.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Thurſday, March 6. 1745,6.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Low* according to Order laid their Accounts before the Houſe and they were read.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hancock* be a Committee to examine the ſaid Accounts with the Vouchers, and make Report to the Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider his Excellency's Speech and the other Matters to them referred: After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſire leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Matters to them referred; after ſometime ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to a Reſolution to preſent an humble Addreſs to his Excellency in anſwer to his favourable Speech; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Van Buſkirk*, Mr. *Kearney*, Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*

Middleſworth be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Heard*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *D. Smith*, and Mr. *Hancock* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for ſupport of the Government of this Colony.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, March 7. 1745,6.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Heard* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *for the Support of the Government of this Colony*, brought in a Bill accordingly, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer* were qualified in the Houſe before Mr. *Chief-Juſtice*, Mr. *Secretary*, Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Kearney*.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer* take their Seats in the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, March 8, 1745,6.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Low*, reported, that they had examined the ſame, and were ready to make their Report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered,
That ſaid Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* accordingly read the Report in his Place, and then deliver'd it in at the Table, and it was approved of by the Houſe and is as followeth, *viz.*

'The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of *John Eatton* and '*John Low*, the Truſtees of the Eaſtern Diviſion of this Colony, appointed by 'a late Act of Aſſembly *for laying out and ſhiping the Moiety of* Two 'Thouſand Pounds *for the Uſe of his Majeſty's Subjects at* Cape-Breton, having carefully examined the ſaid Accounts and Vouchers therein mentioned, 'do humbly report, that by the ſame it appears the ſaid Moiety of *Two Thouſand Pounds* was laid out according to the Directions of the ſaid Act, and

'the

' the neat Proceeds thereof, after Deduction of Freight and Commiſſions,
' were ſhipp'd in Proviſions to Governor *Shirley*, or the Commander in Chief
' at *Boſton*, except the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings* and *Seven Pence three*
' *Farthings*, which ſtill remains in the Hands of *John Eatton*, Eſq; All which
' the Committee humbly ſubmit to the further Conſideration of this Ho-
' nourable Houſe.

Mr. *R. Smith* from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, reported, that the ſaid Committee had drawn the ſame and were ready to lay it before the Houſe when they would be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered,
That it be laid before the Houſe immediately.

Mr. *Smith* thereupon read the Draught of ſaid Addreſs in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, and it was read again Paragraph by Paragraph, and agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, March 10. 1745-6

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 11. 1745,6.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency, was read and compared, and Ordered to be ſign'd by the Speaker, which was done accordingly.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Brick* do wait on his Excellency, and deſire to be inform'd, when the Houſe may attend him to preſent their Addreſs.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, *That he would receive the Addreſs this Afternoon, and would let the Houſe know when to attend him.*

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Van Buſkirk* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. reported, that the Committee had prepared the ſame, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table, and it was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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The Bill *for ſupport of Government*, was read a ſecond time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

" Mr. *Speaker*,
" His Excellency the Governor has ordered me to acquaint you that he is " now in the Council Chamber at *Kingſbury*, ready to receive the Addreſs " of this Houſe.

And then Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to attend his Excellency.

Being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, and preſented their Addreſs in the following Words, *viz*,

To His Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of *New-Jerſey* and Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral in the ſame, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey* in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe your Excellency.

WE *his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Repreſentatives of the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *beg leave to aſſure your Excellency, that as our Country hath made choice of us to repreſent them, we are unanimouſly determined to ſerve them according to the beſt of our Underſtanding, with ſincere deſires* that it may anſwer the good Ends of their choice, and prove beneficial to all concern'd in the iſſue of our Meeting.

As the Situation of Affairs with reſpect to ourſelves, and our Neighbours, with your Excellency's ill State of Health, hath been adjudged, by Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to be ſufficient Reaſons for the calling of Us at this Time, and to this Place, we ſhall proceed on ſuch publick Buſineſs as may be neceſſary for His Majeſty's Service: But as Amboy *and* Burlington *are the Places appointed by His Majeſty (agreeable to the Conceſſions made with the Crown at the ſurrender of the Proprietary Government) for the alternate ſitting of the General Aſſemblies, we hope their removal to other Places will not be drawn into practice, oftner than the extraordinary Occaſions of his Majeſty's ſervice may require it.*

As we are not unacquainted, that the Support of his Majeſty's Government *hath been ſome time expired, ſo we are willing, according to our Station, and the preſent Circumſtances, of the Colony, to ſupply that deficiency. And all neceſſary expence your Excellency hath been at, in conveying Expreſſes or other Meſſages for*

for the benefit of his Majeſty's Colonies, (when an account of them ſhall be laid before us) will be provided for in the accuſtomed manner

The Papers giving an account of the Riot at Newark, *and the Letters from the Governors of* New-York, Boſton, *and* Louisburgh *are now under our Conſideration; and we have Ordered a Bill to be brought into our Houſe,* for the better Settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jerſey for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions, *which we hope will be formed in ſuch a manner, as may effectually diſcourage things of that Nature; and we ſhall chearfully join the other Branches of the Legiſlature, in any ſuch further Meaſures, as we can conceive neceſſary, for the more effectual ſuppreſſing and diſcouraging all ſuch dangerous Proceedings; or in any Thing that may be proper and neceſſary for us to do, for the Security of this Colony, or the Aſſiſtance of our Neighbours, if their ſhould be Occaſion.*

The People of New-Jerſey *have always been of the Opinion,* that a ſincere and hearty Agreement amongſt ourſelves, is at all Times deſirable, *and now in a Time of War with our Foreign Enemies, and when a moſt unnatural Rebellion is ſtirred up and carried on in our Mother Country, by a Popiſh Pretender and his abandon'd Faction, againſt our rightful and lawful Sovereign King GEORGE the Second, we think ſuch an Agreement abſolutely neceſſary, as well for his Majeſty's Intereſt as our own Safety, which we eſteem to be inſeperable: And notwithſtanding any thing that may have been ſuggeſted to the Contrary concerning us, We have ſo good an Agreement ſubſiſting among ſt ourſelves, as we hope will at all times diſcourage every Thing of a contrary Tendency, and that nothing leſs than what we conceive to be the true Intereſt of his Majeſty, and the People of this Colony, ſhall ever prevail on us to enter into a Controverſy with any other Branch of the Legiſlature. And we hope they will heartily join with us in removing every Grievance that may be likely to promote it, ſo that a perfect Union among ſt all the Branches of the Legiſlature may be thereby eſtabliſhed upon a ſolid and laſting Foundation.*

We aſſure your Excellency, we ſhall readily embrace all proper Opportunities of doing Good for the Publick, and uſe our Endeavours, that what Bills we Paſs, may be drawn in ſo judicious a Manner as we apprehend will be likely to promote it, that your Excellency may be under no difficulty in aſſenting to them.

To which his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

I THANK You for this kind and hearty Addreſs. And as it appears by " it, that each of us have the ſame way of thinking, I am in hopes, that " it will be ſucceeded by ſuch an Agreement between the ſeveral Branches " of the Legiſlature, as may be productive of the publick Good; and that " all Endeavours to obſtruct it, will be look'd upon and treated as they de- " ſerve to be.

" I am ſorry that my ill ſtate of Health, and the preſent Circumſtances " of Things made it neceſſary for me to meet you at this Time and Place.

" *Amboy* and *Burlington* are the Places by His Majeſty appointed for the ſit-
" tings of Aſſemblies ; and I ſhall not willingly meet them in any other,
" when I can meet them there, unleſs the Situation of Affairs makes it ne-
" ceſſary to do ſo.

" It gives me great Pleaſure to hear you ſo juſtly expreſs your abhorrence
" of the unnatural Rebellion ſtirred up and carried on in our Mother Coun-
" try, in favour of a Popiſh Pretender, by an abandon'd and wicked
" Faction, againſt our rightful and lawful Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*
" the Second, and hope all the Branches of the Legiſlature will very heartily
" agree to diſcourage any attempt of the like nature here ; or that has any
" tendency to diſturb the Publick Peace and ſafety ; and that nothing will be
" capable of prevailing upon any of them to deviate from the true Intereſt
" of His Majeſty and His good Subjects here, or from heartily joining to
" remove any thing that is juſtly and really a Grievance to the Publick, and
" promoting ſuch an Union amongſt themſelves, as will be the ſureſt Foun-
" dation for their future Tranquility. This I ſhall be very joyful to ſee, and
" gladly give my aſſent, where I may, to ſuch Bills as will naturally be the
" good Effect of ſuch a happy and deſirable Concord.

LEWIS MORRIS.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Wedneſday, March 12. 1745-6.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Spicer*, a Member of the Houſe, preſented a Petition to the Houſe from divers Freeholders of the County of *Cape-May*, which was read, ſetting forth, That as the Paper Money of this Colony is annually ſinking, they ſhall be unable to aſſiſt His Majeſty if required, or ſupport Government, &c. except a Bill ſhall paſs for creating a Fund thereof ſufficient to anſwer thoſe Purpoſes, and the ſaid Petition was ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*, was read a ſecond Time, and, after ſome Debate, committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill for *better ſettling and regulating the Militia;* &c.

After ſome time ſpent therein Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again ; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday

Thurſday, March 13. 1745-6.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had gone through the ſaid Bill and made ſeveral Amendments thereto. And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

William Mott and *John Emley*, Eſqrs; Members for the County of *Hunterdon*, having informed this Houſe, that the Grievance complain'd of to a former Houſe of General Aſſembly, relating to the illegal Choice of *Andrew Reed* for a Loan-Officer for the ſaid County of *Hunterdon*, ſtill ſubſiſts; and this Houſe having taken the ſame into Conſideration, are unanimouſly of Opinion, that the ſame is a Grievance and ought to be redreſſed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Kearney* do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe do humbly pray, that his Excellency would be pleaſed to order ſuch Methods to be taken, to redreſs the ſaid Grievance as to his Excellency ſhall ſeem meet.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday March 14, 1745,6.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Mott* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Mott* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Bill to Mr. *Rodman*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that Houſe not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Kearney* and himſelf waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, " That whether the Choice of *Andrew Reed* was lawful or not, was not " for him to ſay, that being a point the Courts of Law are to determine, " when brought properly before them, and that he ſhould be very glad it " were determined : That he ſhould be always very willing to do all in his " Power to remove any Grievance to the Publick, and ſhould take the O- " pinion of the Attorney General concerning it, and the propereſt Method " to bring it before a Court for its Deciſion, which Opinion he would lay " before the Council for their Advice in the Caſe, and before the Aſſembly " for their Conſideration.

Mr. *Secretary* by his Excellency's Command laid before the Houſe a Letter his Excellency has lately received from Admiral *Warren* and General *Pepperrell.*

And the ſaid Letter (bearing Date *January* 25th 1745,6) was read; and ordered to lie on the Table for the Conſideration of the Members.

Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Brick*, Mr. *Heard*, and Mr. *Low*, had leave to go Home, on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday March 15, 1745-6

The Houſe met.

By his Excellency's Permiſſion, ſignified by Mr. *Kearney*, one of the Members of this Houſe, the Houſe adjourn'd until *Monday* fortnight, which will be the *Thirty-firſt* Day of this Month, then to meet here at *Trenton.*

By Virtue of an Order of the Houſe I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, March 31. 1746.

THE Houſe met at *Trenton* according to Adjournment, and adjourn'd to

Tueſday, April 1. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 2. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, April 3. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Crane* do wait on the Council and deſire to be inform'd, what Progreſs that Houſe has made in the Bill *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions,* ſent up for their Concurrence on the 14th of laſt Month.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill,* Mr. *Cook,* Mr. *Hancock,* Mr. *Leaming,* and Mr. *Heard* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *to prevent Actions under* Fifteen Pounds *being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony.*

A Motion was made that a Bill be brought in *for making* Forty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit.*

And a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put whether ſuch Bill be now brought in or not, and it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Heard.*
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *R. Smith*	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Emley.*	

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Wright*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Emley* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for making* Forty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, accordingly.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Van Buſkirk*, Mr. *D. Smith*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, and Mr. *Fiſher* be a Committe to prepare and bring in a Bill *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, and to take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed for the due Diſcharge of their Offices.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 4, 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *to prevent Actions under Fifteen Pounds being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, reported, that the Committee had prepared a draught of ſuch Bill and with leave delivered it in at the Table, and it was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Eatton* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf went to wait on the Council with the Meſſage of Yeſterday, and that Houſe not being ſitting they delivered the ſaid Meſſage to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, who ſaid, that he would lay it before the Council as ſoon as he had an Opportunity.

A Petition from the Freeholders Inhabitants of the two Southern Precincts, of the County of *Salem*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſeting forth the Inconveniency of the Largeneſs of ſaid Precincts, and praying a Diviſion of them into Six according to the Bounds ſpecified in the Petition, may be confirmed by Law. And it was ordered a ſecondReading.

Mr.

Mr. *R. Smith* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *for making Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, reported, that the Committee had prepared a Draught of ſuch Bill, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table; and it was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the Houſe, *That the Bill for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. was read the firſt Time in that Houſe on the 14th Day of *March* laſt, and read a ſecond Time on the third Inſtant, and committed, and is now under the Conſideration of the Committee.

Mr. *Van Buſkirk* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs to give Security*, &c. reported, that the Committee had prepared a Draught of ſuch Bill, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table, and it was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Saturday April 5, 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Bill *to prevent Actions under Fifteen Pounds being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time, and ſeveral Amendments made thereto in the Houſe, both in the Title and Body of the Bill.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the Houſe a Letter to him from His Excellency, recommending the Conſideration of the Letter and Papers incloſed therein to the Houſe, *viz.*

1. *A Letter from His Excellency the Governor of* New-York, *dated* March 31ſt. 1746.

2. *Inſtructions from the Commiſſioners of Indian Affairs, to the Interpreter ſent to the Caſtles of the Six Nations, dated* 22*d.* January 1745,6.

3. *The Report of the Interpreter on his Return* 25th February 1745,6,

And they were read and referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security*, &c. was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment made thereto in the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday

Monday, April 7. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, April 8. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill entitled *an Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, was read and compared and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do Paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Cook* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security*, &c. was read, and an Amendment made to the Title of the ſame.

And the ſaid Bill now entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed for the due Diſcharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long Continuance therein*, was again read, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Emley* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill *for making current* Forty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, was read a ſecond Time and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported that Mr. *Cook* and himſelf according to order delivered the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pound*, &c. to the Council (then ſitting) and deſired their Concurrence.

Mr. *Eatton* reported that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf according to Order delivered the Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security*, &c. to the Speaker in Council.

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The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the Bill, *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit.* After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, April 9. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills Credit.* After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, and reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit.* After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſum'd the Chair and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday April 10. 1746.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *for making Current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*: After ſome timeTime ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the wholeHouſe to proceed on the Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*: After ſome time ſpent therein. Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the ſaid Bill and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he was directed to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That the Report be made to-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the Houſe, That the Council have made ſome Amendments to the Bill, *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, and he delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table and then withdrew.

A Petition of the Subſcribers thereto Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Eſſex was preſented to the Houſe by Mr. *Low*, one of the Members, and read, ſetting forth, that an Act paſſed by the General Aſſembly of this Province *for preſerving the Timber*, &c. is hurtful to the Inhabitants of this Province in general and the County of *Eſſex* in particular, as alſo the Act *for laying a Duty on ſtrong Liquors*, and praying leave to bring in a Bill or Bills for repealing or amending the ſaid Acts.

Ordered,
That ſaid Petition be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Friday April 11, 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Council's Amendments to the Bill *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. were read in their Places, and an Amendment made to the firſt of them, and the reſt agreed to by the Houſe

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Crane* do carry back the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and inform them thereof, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendment of this Houſe.

Being returned Mr. *Nevill* reported that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf had deliver'd the ſaid Meſſage to the Speaker in Council.

According to order Mr. *Cooper* reported the Amendments to the Bill for *making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*.

And then the adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, and proceeded to conſider the Amendments of the Committee to the Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, and the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and, with ſome Amendments made to them, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of the Freeholders &c. of the two Southern Precincts of *Salem* County, praying a Confirmation of the Diviſion of the ſaid Precincts into Six, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That it be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe at their next meeting, and that Mr. *Hancock* have a Copy of ſaid Petition to inform the other Freeholders of ſaid County thereof, that they may then make their Objections thereto, if any they have.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, April 12. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Eſſex*, &c. was read a ſecond Time.

Upon Motion of Mr. *Low* and Mr, *Crane* for leave to bring in a Bill or Bills according to the Prayer of the Petitioners, it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that being met here at this unuſual Place upon extraordinary Occaſions for His Majeſty's Service, that it is not convenient at this Time to grant the ſaid Members that leave, but that the Conſideration thereof be refered to the next Meeting of the General Aſſembly at *Amboy* or *Burlington*.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have agreed to the Amendment made by this Houſe to the Amendment of the Council to the Bill entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia* &c.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill with the ſeveral Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to *Monday* next two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

By Virtue of an Order of the Houſe I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

John Brick jnr to Ebenez Miller

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, April 14. 1746.

THE Houſe met and adjourn'd 'till To-morrowMorning nine of theClock

Tueſday, April 15. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Bill (engroſſed with the ſeveralAmendments agreed to by bothHouſes) entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*, was read and compar'd.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill as now engroſſed do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Heard* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council in order to be examin'd by that Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 16. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was read and compared; and the Queſtion being put whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Heard*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *R. Smith*	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Emley*.	
Mr. *Cooke*,		

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Low* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Heard*, reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himſelf, according to Order, went to carry the Bill, *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. to the Council, but that Houſe not being ſitting they delivered the ſame to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Thurſday, *April* 17. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf according to order carried the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, to the Council, and delivered it to the Speaker in Council, and deſired the Concurrence of that Houſe.

A Petition of a great Number of Perſons, Inhabitants chiefly of the Northern Parts of this Province, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed thereto, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they hold Lands by purchaſe from the Indians, which ſome of them and their Anceſtors have been poſſeſſed of ſome ſcores of Years, that the Proprietors, ſo called, have brought ſundry Suits againſt them for their Poſſeſſions, and threatned to load them with Multiplicity of Law-Suits, which occaſion'd the late Stirs among them, eſpecially at *Newark*; and praying that Way may be made for their Relief here, or that they may have Liberty of Application by their Committee or Subſtitutes to the Head and Fountain of Juſtice, &c. And in the mean Time that their paſt miſconduct, if ſuch, may paſs away under an Act of indemnity, and all Proceſſes againſt any of them relating to their Liberties and Properties

Properties have a Ceſſation, at leaſt until his Majeſty's Pleaſure may be known; and that the Petition may be laid before his Excellency in Council.

Alſo a Petition of ſeveral Perſons ſubſcribed thereto, ſtiling themſelves a Committee choſen by the above Petitioners, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, their ſeveral Claims to the Lands poſſeſſed by them; and praying that Way may be made by the Legiſlative Powers for their Relief, by granting to them freely to ſeek and uſe all lawful Means to obtain redreſs of their Wrongs, &c. by humble Application to his Majeſty in Council: and that the Houſe, if they think expedient, would lay this Petition before his Excellency the Governor in Council.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petitions have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Nevill* in behalf of the Proprietors deſired Copies of the ſaid Petitions.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, or any other Perſon applying for the ſame, have Copies thereof.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the Houſe, that theCouncil have made ſome Amendments to the Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security*, &c. and he delivered the Bill and Amendments to Mr. Speaker, and then withdrew.

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, April 18. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Councils Amendments to the Bill *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security*, &c.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Emley* do carry back the ſaid Bill to the Council with their Amendments, and acquaint them, that this Houſe agrees to the 1ſt, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 7th of ſaid Amendments, and have made an Amendment to the 6th, to which they deſire the Concurrence of that Houſe, and have diſagreed to the 8th Amendment of the Council; and in that Part adhere to the Bill.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf waited on the Council with

with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and delivered the aboveſaid Bill and Amendments to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Heard* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſires to be inform'd, what Progreſs that Houſe has made in the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, ſent up for their Concurrence on the 8th Inſtant.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday April 19, 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Heard* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf, according to the Order of Yeſterday, waited on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council agrees to the Amendment made by this Houſe to the Councils 6th Amendment to the Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security* &c. and do recede from the 8th Amendment of that Houſe to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill with the ſeveral Amendments agreed to by both Houſes be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* next two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, April 21. 1746

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Alexander* brought from the Council, the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of* Fifteen Pounds *and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, with Amendments made thereto by that Houſe, and he delivered the Bill and Amendments to Mr. Speaker, and then withdrew.

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places and referred to further Conſideration.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Hopewell*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of a Grievance that *Andrew Smith* and *Benjamin Rounſevall*, Eſqs; and *Joſeph Houghton* and *Joſeph Moore* have preſumed to levy a Tax upon the Petitioners and others of *Twenty Five Pounds*, in order to make a Cauſeway, &c. contrary to Law, and praying redreſs.

Ordered

Ordered,
That ſaid Petition have a ſecond Reading.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed for the due diſcharge of their Offices, and to prevent their two long Continuance therein*, engroſſed with the Amendments agreed to by both Houſes, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill as now engroſſed do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Van Buſkirk* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council in order to be examined by that Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock;

Tueſday, April 22, 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Van Buſkirk* and himſelf delivered the Bill and Meſſage they were intruſted with to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that Houſe not ſitting.

The Houſe proceeded to conſider the Amendments to the Bill, *to prevent Actions of* Fifteen Pounds *and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony.*

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and upon the Queſtion diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe diſagrees to ſaid Amendments, and adheres to the Bill.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Eatton* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf went to wait on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe, but the Council not being ſitting, they delivered the Meſſage with the Bill and Amendments to Mr. *Rodman*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, who ſaid that he would lay them before that Board when they met.

The Petition of ſome of the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered

Ordered,
That the Petitioners, or ſome of them, and the Perſons complain'd againſt, attend the Houſe on Friday next at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon. And that the Petitioners ſerve one of the ſaid Perſons againſt whom they complain; with a Copy of the Petition and this Order, and give Notice thereof to the reſt, and that the Clerk give Copies accordingly.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, *April* 23. 1746.

The Houſe met.

A Motion was made, that an Entry, propoſed to the Houſe concerning the late Choice of a Loan-Officer for the County of *Hunterdon*, be made in the Minutes, and a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put, whether the Entry be made in the Manner propoſed or not; and it paſs'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *D. Smith*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Mott*;	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Hancock*.
Mr. *Demarcſt*,	Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,
Mr. *Cooke*,		Mr. *R. Smith*.	

The Numbers being equal Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for the Affirmative.

Ordered,
That the ſame be entered, and it is as follows, *viz.*

" Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Emley* laid before this Houſe a Copy of the Proceedings in the Choice of a Commiſſioner of the Loan-Office for the County of *Hunterdon*, whereby it appears, that on the 9th Day of this Inſtant twelve of the Freeholders of ſaid County, choſen by Virtue of an Act of the General Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for raiſing of Money for building and repairing of Goals, &c.* did chuſe *Joſeph Yard* to be a Commiſſioner of the Loan-Office for the ſaid County of *Hunterdon*, in the Room of *Joſeph Peace*, deceaſed, and that *William Morris*, *Martin Ryerſon*, *Edward Rockhill*, and *John Van Sickel*, Eſqrs; Juſtices of the Peace of ſaid County, (one being of the Quorum) concurred with the Freeholders in the ſaid Choice.

' It appears by the former Minutes of theGeneral Aſſembly, that the above-mentioned four Juſtices were none of the Juſtices complain'd againſt for the illegal Choice of *Andrew Read*, to be a Commiſſioner of the Loan-Office.

' It does not any Ways appear to this Houſe, that the Governor hath taken any further Notice of the Meſſage of this Houſe to him of the 13th of *March* laſt, than by his Anſwer thereto of the 14th of ſaid Month, nor does it any ways appear that any of the Juſtices ſo complain'd of have concurred

' curred with the ſaid Freeholders in their ſaid Choice of *Joſeph Yard*, or ' were preſent at the ſaid Election.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke* and Mr. *Demareſt* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſires to be inform'd, what Progreſs that Houſe has made in the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, ſent to them for their Concurrence on the 16th Inſtant.

The Houſe adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke* reported, that Mr. *Demareſt* and himſelf, according to Order, waited on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Alexander*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have receded from their firſt Amendment to the Bill *to prevent Actions of* Fifteen Pounds *and under being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, and do adhere to their ſecond Amendment to the ſaid Bill.

Alſo another Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Alexander*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, has had two Readings, and is now under the Conſideration of a Committee of that Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, *April* 24. 1746.

The Houſe met.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Nevill*, that the Petition from the Inhabitants chiefly of the northern Parts of this Province, &c. And the Petition of the Perſons ſtiling themſelves their Committee, be now read a ſecond Time, and a Debate ariſing thereon, the previous Queſtion was demanded and put, whether that Queſtion be now put or not? and it paſſed in the Negative.

Mr. *Rodman* brought from the Council a Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies*, for the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Bill was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Nevill*, that whereas he thinks himſelf, together with the general Proprietors of this Province, reflected on in the Petitions

Petitions from the Inhabitants chiefly of the Northern Parts of this Province ſubſcribed thereto, and thoſe who ſtile themſelves their Committee, and that ſeveral Alegations therein incerted are untrue, the Houſe would appoint a Day for the ſecond Reading of the ſaid Petitions, and that he may be then heard in Relation to the ſame.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petitions be read to-morrow, and that Mr. *Nevill* be heard concerning them.

The Houſe proceeded to conſider the ſecond Amendment of the Council, to the Bill *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*; and a motion being made and the queſtion put, that a Conference be deſired with the Council thereupon? it paſs'd in the affirmative.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Low*, be a Committee to confer with the Council accordingly, and the Houſe deſires Mr. *Speaker* to aſſiſt therein.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Stelle*, do wait on the Council and deſire a Conference on the ſubject matter of the ſaid Amendment, and that they will be pleaſed to appoint a Committee to meet the Committee appointed by this Houſe, at ſuch time and place as that Houſe ſhall chooſe to conſider thereon accordingly.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that M. *Stelle* and himſelf went to wait on the Council with the ſaid Meſſage, but that Houſe not being ſitting, they deliver'd it to Mr. *Rodman*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would lay it before that board when they met.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, April 25. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to take into Conſideration, the ſeveral Letters and Papers laid before this Houſe by his Excellency's Directions on the 5th and 14th of the laſt Month and on the 5th Inſtant.

After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, from the ſaid Committee, that they had gone through the matters to them referred, and that he was directed to report the Opinion of the Committee thereupon when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the report be made immediately,

Mr. *Nevill* then read the report in his place, and it was agreed to by the Houſe, and is as follows.

The Committee having conſidered the ſeveral Letters, deſiring an Aid of Men for the Defence of *Louisburgh*, are of Opinion, that it would have been impracticable to have rais'd Men in this Colony in time for that Service, and as his Majeſty's Forces deſign'd for *Cape-Breton*, were arrived in the Colonies in *America*, at the time thoſe Letters were laid before the Houſe, and are ſince ſail'd for that Place: and as the Officers of the Regiment under the Command of his Excellency Governor *Shirley*, have lately beat up for and inliſted in this Colony a Number of Soldiers to ſerve his Majeſty there, the Committee hope the Ends propoſed by thoſe Letters are anſwered.

The Committee having alſo conſider'd the ſeveral Letters and Papers from Governor *Clinton*, concerning the Appointment of Commiſſioners for the ſeveral Colonies, and giving an Account of the Diſpoſition of the ſix Nations of Indians, are of Opinion, that this Colony being a Frontier of near three hundred Miles on the Sea, and navigable Rivers, is liable to be attack'd by the Enemy, and may have Occaſion for all their Force to reſiſt ſuch Attack: Yet they ſhall be always ready and willing to aſſiſt his Majeſty in any Expedition againſt his Enemies to the beſt of their Abilities and Circumſtances; and their Neighbours if they ſhould be invaded.

The Committee alſo took into Conſideration the Papers relating to the late Riot at *Newark*, and are of Opinion, that as that matter is under the Conſideration of the Houſe the ſaid Papers do lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The Order of the Day being read, *Ordered*, That the Reading the Petitions of the Inhabitants chiefly of the northern Parts of this Province, &c. be deferred till To-morrow.

Some of the Petitioners from *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, according to Order, attending, were called in, and *Andrew Smith* and *Benjamin Rounſavall* Eſqrs; and *Joſeph Moore*, three of the Perſons complain'd againſt, alſo attending, were called in, and the Petition was read, and the Petitioners were heard in ſupport of their Petition.

Then the ſaid *Andrew Smith* and *Benjamin Rounſavall*, Eſqrs; delivered in a Paper call'd their anſwer to the ſaid Petition, which was read, and the Parties were ordered to withdraw.

The Houſe having conſider'd the ſaid Paper, which ſeem'd to call in Queſti-

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on the Juriſdiction of the Houſe as if they were proceeding to try the Cauſe, therefore rejected the ſame.

Then the Parties were called in again, and were inform'd by Mr. Speaker, that the Houſe was not about to try the Cauſe, and that the Petitioners complain'd of a Grievance, which this Houſe had Power to enquire into.

And the ſaid Perſons complain'd of acknowledged, the ſame.

Then they were directed to relate the Matter upon which the Allegations of the Petition were founded, which was done accordingly, and both Parties were fully heard, and then were directed to withdraw.

Ordered,
That the Matter be referred to further Conſideration.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, April 26. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Order of the Day being read, the Petition from the Subſcribers thereto chiefly inhabiting the northern Part of this Province was read. Alſo the Petition of the Perſons ſtilling themſelves their Committee was read, and Mr. *Nevill* was heard concerning them.

And the Conſideration thereof was deferred to a further Time.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* next two o'Clock in the Afternoon

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By Virtue of an Order of the Houſe I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, April 28. 1746.

The Houſe met.

THE Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the aforeſaid Petitions from the Inhabitants chiefly of the northern Part of this Province, and the Perſons ſtiling themſelves their Committee; and a Motion being made that the ſaid Petitions be ſent by this Houſe to the Governor in Council according to the Prayer of the Petitions, the previous Queſtion was demanded and put, whether that Queſtion be now put? And it paſs'd in the Affirmative,

Then the Queſtion was put, whether the ſaid Petitions, with the Propoſals of the ſaid Perſons ſtiling themſelves their Committee, be ſent to his Excellency the Governor in Council according to the Prayer of the Petitions or not? And it paſs'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Kearney*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *VanMiddleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Emley*.	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Petitions and Propoſals accordingly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Tueſday, *April* 29. 1746.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Alexander* and Mr. *Morris* to be a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by this Houſe, on the ſecond Amendment of the Council to the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court*, &c. and that the ſaid Committees meet for that Purpoſe at the Council Chamber this Day at Twelve o'Clock.

Ordered
That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Emley* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſires to be inform'd, what further Progreſs that Houſe has made in the Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, which, by the Meſſage of the 23d Inſtant, appears to have been then under the Conſideration of a Committee of that Houſe.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf, according to Order, waited on his Excellency with the Petitions of the Inhabitants chiefly of the Northern Part of this Province, and their Committee, with their Propoſals; and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider the ſaid Petitions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hancock* reported that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf waited on the Council, with the Meſſage they had in Truſt, and delivered it to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, to confer on the Councils ſecond Amendment to the Bill *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court*, &c. reported, that the Committees met at the Time and Place appointed, and that the Committee of the Council read and delivered to the Committee of this Houſe their Reaſons in writing for the ſaid Amendment.

And the ſaid Writing was read and conſidered of, and the Houſe were unanimouſly of Opinion, that the ſaid Reaſons were not ſufficient to induce the Houſe to agree to the ſaid Amendment.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the aforeſaid Committee of this Houſe do prepare a Draught of Reaſons to be offered in behalf of the Houſe, for diſagreeing to the ſaid Amendment.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, April 30. 1746.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of about Two Hundred and Fifty Perſons, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed thereto, calling themſelves Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Middleſex*, and *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners and their Progenitors have regularly purchaſed, and long and quietly poſſeſſed their Lands and Inheritances: That notwithſtanding which, ſundry Perſons, calling themſelves Proprietors of *Weſt-New-Jerſey*, and ſundry others calling themſelves Agents for the *Weſt-New-Jerſey* Society of *England*, have claimed their Land, ſelling ſome, *&c.* That Numbers of them have been haraſs'd with Writs of Ejectments without being able to have their Title brought to a determinate Iſſue: That whatever Trials at Law may be brought by their Adverſaries, the Petitioners ſuppoſe muſt be determined by ſuch as are either intruſted or byaſs'd in the Claim of the ſaid pretended Proprietors or Agents: That one of the ſaid Society's Agents, as he ſtiles himſelf, brought ſundry Ejectments againſt the Petitioners, and on Trial could not produce Cauſe of Action, and the Cauſes were flung out of Court; that notwithſtanding, the Officers of the Court obliged them to pay the Coſt: That the Petitioners paid in one Bill of Chancery *Five Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds* coſt, to their Opponents Attorney; and yet now Twelve or Thirteen Years after the ſame Bill revived again for more Coſt. And the Court granted a Rule for the Defendants to ſend a Man home for a Diſcovery of the Title, and as ſoon as the Time was expired, before the Return of the Meſſenger, forced the Defendants to Tryal, denying their Evidence, although it was Matter of Record: Beſides many more Complaints. Which violent Proceedings have provoked great Numbers into moſt violent Reſolutions, &c. And praying that the Houſe would take their Caſe into Conſideration, and make ſuch Proviſion for the Petitioners Relief, that their Titles may be regularly and fairly determined; that they may be capacitated, if Occaſion requires, to tranſmit their Cauſe to his Majeſty in Council, without ſuch Multiplicity and Repetition of Suits, and that the Houſe would lay their Petition before his Excellency in Council.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition have a ſecond Reading and that the Clerk do give Copies thereof to any Perſons deſiring the ſame.

Mr. *Eatton*, one of the Committee appointed by a former Houſe of Repreſentatives to correſpond with the Agent of this Colony, by order of the Houſe laid before the Houſe a Letter from the ſaid Agent dated at London *October* 29th 1745.

Ordered,

That the ſame be read, and it was read accordingly, ſignifying that the

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Lords of Trade had reported their Opinion upon the Bill *for aſcertaining the Fees* &c. That it was proper to be repealed for the Reaſons ſet forth in their ſaid Report, a Copy whereof he ſends incloſed.

Ordered,
That they lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to draw Reaſons for the Houſe diſagreeing to the ſecond Amendment of the Council, to the Bill *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court* &c. reported, that they had drawn the ſame, and with leave he read them in his Place, and they were approved of by the Houſe, and ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the Committee already appointed by this Houſe to conferr with a Committee of that Houſe on the aforeſaid Amendment, are directed to give to a Committee of that Houſe the Reaſons of this Houſe for diſagreeging to the ſaid Amendment, at ſuch time and Place as that Houſe ſhall appoint.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Spicer* Reported that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf according to order waited on the Council with the Meſſage of this Houſe, and delivered the ſame to their Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Antill*, acquainting the Houſe, that Mr. *Alexander* and Mr. *Morris* are appointed a Committee to Confer with the Committee appointed by this Houſe, on the ſecond Amendment made by that Houſe to the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, and that they meet immediately at the Houſe of Mrs. *Loveland* in Trenton.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, May 1ſt. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported from the Committee appointed to conferr with a Committee of the Council on the ſecond Amendment of that Houſe, to the Bill *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, that the Committee of this Houſe had delivered to the Committee of the Council, the Reaſons of this Houſe, in writing, for diſagreeing to the ſaid Amendment, which the Committee of the Council were pleaſed to ſay, they would lay before that Houſe.

A Meſſage

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Rodman* acquainting the Houſe, that the Council recedes from their ſaid Amendment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Nevill* do wait on the Council with the ſaid Bill, *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds* &c. the ſame having been ſent to this Houſe when the Council ſignifyed their receeding from their firſt Amendment to ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Nevill* and himſelf according to Order waited on the Council with the ſaid Bill, and delivered it to their Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Antill*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was this Day paſs'd by that Houſe without Amendment.

The Bill from the Council *for preventing Tumults and Riotous Aſſemblies*, was read a ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill be Committed or not? it paſs'd in the Negative.

Yeas,	Nays,	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,
Mr. *D. Smith*.	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Spicer*,
	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Emley*.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table to be Reconſidered at next Seſſion.

Then a Motion was made and the Queſtion put, whether the ſaid Bill be printed for the Peruſal of the Publick or not? and it paſs'd in the affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas.	Nays,	Nays.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *VanBuſkirk*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Emley*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	
Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be printed in the Minutes of this Houſe, but that the Clerk be excuſed from entring the ſame in the Journal.

The ſaid Bill is as follows:

AN ACT for preventing Tumults and Riotous Aſſemblies.

WHEREAS the due Courſe of the Law has been in a moſt notorious Manner, obſtructed by two ſeveral Enormous Riots and Tumults at *Newark*, in the County of *Eſſex*, when His Majeſty's Priſon there was in a

violent Manner by great Multitudes of People twice broke open, and the Priſoners therein lawfully detained, reſcued from thence, and His Majeſty's known Officers beat and abuſed to the great Diſturbance of the Publick Peace, tending to ſubvert His Majeſty's Dominion and Authority in this Province, to alienate the Affections of the People from His Majeſty's Government, and to encourage Contempt and Diſobedience of the Laws of the Country.

THEREFORE, for the preventing and ſuppreſſing ſuch riotous and tumultuous aſſemblies for the future.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, now met and aſſembled, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the ſame, That if any Perſons to the Number of Twelve, or more, being unlawfully, riotouſly and tumultuouſly Aſſembled together, to the Diſturbance of the Publick Peace at any time after the Publication hereof, and being required and commanded by any one or more Juſtice of the Peace, or by the Sheriff of the County, or by the Mayor or other chief Officer, Alderman, Burgeſs or Juſtice of the Peace of any City, or Town Corporate, where ſuch aſſembly ſhall be, by Proclamation to be made in the King's Name, in the form herein after directed, to diſperſe themſelves and Peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Buſineſs, ſhall to the number of twelve or more (notwithſtanding ſuch Proclamation made) unlawfully, riotouſly and tumultuouſly remain or continue together by the ſpace of one Hour after ſuch command or requeſt made by Proclamation, that then ſuch continuing together to the Number of Twelve, or more, after ſuch command or requeſt made by Proclamation ſhall be adjudged Felony without Benefit of Clergy and the Offenders therein ſhall be adjudged Felons and ſhall ſuffer Death as in caſe of Felony without Benefit of of Clergy.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the authority aforeſaid, That the Order and Form of the Proclamation that ſhall be made by the Authority of this Act, ſhall be as hereafter followeth, (*that it to ſay*) The Juſtice of Peace or other Perſon authorized by this act to make the ſaid Proclamation, ſhall, among the ſaid Rioters, or as near to them as he can ſafely come, with a loud voice command, or cauſe to be commanded, ſilence to be while Proclamation is making; and after that, ſhall openly and with loud voice make or cauſe to be made Proclamation in theſe Words on like in Effect.

OUR SOVEREIGN LORD THE KING, CHARGETH AND COMMANDETH all Perſons being aſſembled, immediately to diſperſe themſelves, and peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Buſineſs, upon the Pains contained in the Act made in the Nineteenth Year of King GEORGE the Second, for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies: *GOD SAVE THE KING.* And every ſuch Juſtice, and Juſtices of the Peace, Sheriff, Mayor, or other chief Officer, Alderman, or Burgeſs aforeſaid, within the Limits of their reſpective Juriſdictions, are hereby Authorized, Impowered, and Required, on Notice, or Knowledge of any ſuch unlawful, riotous and tumultuous Aſſembly, to reſort to the Place where ſuch unlawful, riotous and tumultuous Aſſembly ſhall be to the Number of Twelve or more, and there to make or cauſe to be made Proclamation in manner aforeſaid.

AND

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſons to the Number of Twelve, or more, unlawfully, rioteuſly or tumultuouſly Aſſembled together, to the Diſturbance of the publick Peace, ſhall unlawfully or with Force demoliſh, pull down or break open any Priſon, Goal or Court-Houſe; or begin to demoliſh, pull down or break open any ſuch Priſon, Goal or Court-Houſe, That then every ſuch demoliſhing, pulling down or breaking open; or beginning to demoliſh, pull down, or break open, ſhall be adjudged Felony, without benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein ſhall be adjudged Felons, and ſhall ſuffer Death as in Caſe of Felony without benefit of Clergy.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons do or ſhall with Force and Arms, wilfully and knowingly oppoſe, obſtruct, or in any Manner wilfully and knowingly let, hinder, or hurt, any Perſon that ſhall begin to proclaim, or go to proclaim according to the Proclamation hereby directed to be made, whereby ſuch Proclamation ſhall not be made, That then every ſuch oppoſing, obſtructing, letting, hindering or hurting ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo beginning or going to make ſuch Proclamation as aforeſaid, ſhall be adjudged Felony without benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein ſhall be adjudged Felons, and ſhall ſuffer Death as in Caſes of Felony without benefit of Clergy. And that alſo every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo being unlawfully, rioteuſly, and tumultuouſly Aſſembled to the Number of Twelve as aforeſaid, or more, to whom Proclamation ſhould or ought to have been made if the ſame had not been hindred as aforeſaid, ſhall likewiſe, in Caſe they or any of them to the Number of Twelve or more, ſhall continue together, and not diſperſe themſelves within one Hour after ſuch Let or Hindrance ſo made, having Knowledge of ſuch Let or Hindrance ſo made, ſhall be adjudged Felons, and ſhall ſuffer Death, as in Caſe of Felony, without benefit of Clergy.

AND TO THE END that no Perſon may be ignorant of the Penalties contained in this Act, BE IT ENACTED by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act ſhall be openly read once at every Seſſion of the Supreme Court, Circuit Court, and Court of Quarter Seſſions within this Province.

AND BE IT ENACTED by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act ſhall continue and be in force for the Term of five Years, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſions of General Aſſembly, and no longer.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Reſolved,

That the Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the Bill *for Support of Government*.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Friday, May 2. 1746.

The Houſe met, and *Reſolved* itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the Bill *for Support of Government*: After ſome time ſpent there-

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in Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again, to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday May 3. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till *Monday* next two o'Clock in the Afternoon

Monday, May 5. 1746

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, May 6, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on his Excellency, and deſire that he would be pleaſed to inform the Houſe, when they ſhall attend him to obtain his Excellency's Aſſent to the Bills now before him.

The Houſe adjourn'd for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Kearny* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe. In Anſwer to which his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, that he had been ſo very ill that he had not been able to conſider or even to read any of the Bills beſides the Militia Bill. That former Houſes of Aſſembly had declared, they were ready and willing to ſupport the Government as uſual, provided they could obtain the Acts then offered for his Aſſent. And he was pleaſed to declare and aſſure the Houſe, that if they would ſupport the Government in the uſual Manner, he would aſſent to the ſaid Bills.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 7. 1746.

The Houſe met.

A Motion was made that the Letter from the Agent, which was heretofore laid before this Houſe, be now entred upon the Minutes, and a Debate ariſing, and the Queſtion being put, thereupon the previous Queſtion was demanded

demanded and put, whether that Queſtion be now put or not? And it paſs'd in the Negative.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *R. Smith*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Cooke*,
Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,
	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Emley*.

A Motion was made and the Queſtion put, that a Meſſage be ſent to His Excellency in the form propoſed and read to the Houſe, and it paſs'd in the affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *R. Smith*,		Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *D. Smith*,		Mr. *Spicer*,
		Mr. *Mott*,

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Meſſage be ſent accordingly.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe are willing to ſupport the Government in as ample a Manner as the preſent Circumſtances of this Colony will admit of: But the Treaſury at preſent being very low, and a large Debt contracted on the Province to defray theExpence of the ſeveral long ſittings of the General Aſſembly, &c. and not knowing how ſoon we may be called upon to aſſiſt his Majeſty or defend ourſelves on ſome Emergency. Nevertheleſs a Majority of the Houſe do aſſure his Excellency, that they are willing, upon his Excellency's giving his Aſſent to the Bills now before him, to do it in the following Manner, *viz.* To give the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time Being, *Five Hundred Pounds* per Year for two Years, to commence the 23d of *September* 1744, and to end the 23d of *September* 1746. And the other Salaries &c. in the uſual Manner, to be paid out of the Money now in the Treaſury.

And alſo as a grateful acknowledgement to his Majeſty, and his Excellency, for the benefits they hope this Colony will receive by thoſe Bills, do further aſſure his Excellency, that Proviſion will be made in the ſaid Bill *for ſupport of Government*, for the Payment of *One thouſand Pounds* to his Excellency, or to his Executors or Adminiſtrators, out of ſome of the firſt Intereſt Money ariſing from the Act, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand*

Pounds in Bills of Credit, now before his Excellency for his aſſent, when His Majeſty's Royal aſſent ſhall alſo be obtained thereunto.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, to which His Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer. " That as there was two much Reaſon to be-
" leive, that from the beginning of this Conteſt, the Houſe never intended to
" joyn in the *Support* of the Government, but made uſe of ſeveral Pretences
" to avoid the doing of it; So now it plainly appears, that when they might
" have had all the Acts they pretended to deſire, and were ſeemingly ſo fond
" of, and the *Forty Thouſand Pound* Bill paſs'd, with a ſuſpending Clauſe,
" they refuſe to have them upon the Terms they have hitherto aſked them.

" I will (as I have aſſured them) paſs the Bills they ſeem ſo fond of, on
" Condition they join in ſupporting the Government in as large and ample
" a Manner as uſual, and not otherwiſe. By this their Conſtituents may ſee,
" that they might have had the *Forty Thouſand Pounds* they deſired, if his
" Majeſty would be pleaſed to approve of it.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That a Meſſage be ſent to his Excellency to acquaint him, that this Houſe cannot, at this Time, ſupport the Government in any other Manner than as propoſed by the Meſſage ſent to his Excellency this Day, and it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Stelle*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Kearny*.
Mr. *Low*	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Emley*,	
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Emley* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe cannot, at this Time, ſupport the Government in any other Manner than as propoſed by the Meſſage ſent to his Excellency this Day.

Ordered,

That a Paragraph of the Letter from *Richard Patridge*, Eſq; Agent of this Colony, and the Copy of the Report therein mentioned, be entred in the Minutes.

And the ſaid Paragraph is as follows, *viz.*

" AND now I am to acquaint you, that notwithſtanding the Endeavours
" we have uſed, reſpecting the two Acts with ſuſpending Clauſes, that which
" is called the *Fee ACT*, the Lords of Trade have reported their Opinion
" upon it to the Lord's Juſtices, (a little before the King came over,) That
" it was proper to be repealed for the Reaſons ſet forth in their ſaid Report,
" a Copy whereof comes incloſed; whereupon I apprehended I ſhould not be
" juſt to the Truſt you repoſed in me, if I did not exhibit a Petition to the
" King in Council, in order that I might be heard by Council, learned in the

" Law

" Law, before the ſaid Report ſhould meet with the Royal Approbation, eſ-
" pecially as I had Inſtructions to uſe my Endeavours to get the ſaid Act ap-
" proved here, and for that we were not heard by Council before the
" Lords of Trade; and accordingly I have, by my Petition, put a Stop to
" it, in order to be heard before the Lords Committee of Council, and which
" will now lay till I hear from you, and receive your particular further Inſtructi-
" ons how to proceed therein, and to furniſh me with all the neceſſary Argu-
" ments in ſupport of the Act, with as many Evidences duly authenticated of
" Matters of Fact as you can.

And the ſaid Copy of the Report is as follows.

To their EXCELLENCIES the LORDS JUSTICES.

May it pleaſe your LORDSHIPS,

" WE have had under our Conſideration an Act paſſed in his Majeſty's Colony
" of *New-Jerſey* in *December* 1743, entitled, *An Act for aſcertaining the*
" *Fees to be taken by the ſeveral Officers in the Colony of* New-Jerſey. We have
" alſo conſulted Mr. *Fane*, one of his Majeſty's Council at Law, upon this
" Act, who has no Objection thereto in point of Law: But as Mr. *Morris* His
" Majeſty's Governor of the ſaid Colony, has informed us, that the Fees direct-
" ed to be paid by this Act to the Officers of the ſeveral Courts of Judicature,
" are ſo inconſiderable that no Perſons of Character or Reputation will care
" to accept of Employments therein. We humbly propoſe to your Excellencies
" that the ſaid Act may be repealed. And as a further Reaſon for the Diſal-
" lowance thereof, we likewiſe humbly take leave to lay before your Excellencies
" the annexed Account of the Proceeding of the Aſſembly of His Majeſty's ſaid
" Colony upon this Occaſion, taken from the Votes of that Houſe, who order-
" ed a Copy of this Act to be printed as a Rule for the People there to go-
" vern themſelves by, notwithſtanding it was paſs'd with a Clauſe declaring
" that the ſame ſhould not be in force till his Majeſty's Royal Aſſent was
" had thereunto. Which is moſt humbly ſubmitted,

Monſon,
R. Plumer,
Ja. Brudonell,
B. Leveſon Gower.
J. Pitt.

Whitehall, Auguſt 15. 1745.

AN ACCOUNT of the Proceedings of the Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Province of New-Jerſey, *in Relation to an ACT paſſed there in* 1743, for aſcertaining the Fees to be taken by the ſeveral Officers in that Colony.

" ON the 21ſt of *October* 1743, a Bill entitled, *An Act for aſcertaining*
" *the Fees to be taken by the ſeveral Officers in the Colony of* New-Jerſey,
" was brought into the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the ſaid Colony, where
" being unanimouſly agreed to, it was carry'd up to the Council for their
" Concurrence, who made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, ſome of which
" the Aſſembly objected to, and Committees of both Houſes were appointed
" to confer upon and ſettle the ſame, which being done, the Bill was paſſed
" by the Governor, Council and Aſſembly, with a Clauſe ſuſpending the
" Execution of it untill his Majeſty's Pleaſure ſhould be known. Notwith-
" ſtanding which the Houſe of Repreſentatives, with a Deſign to defeat the

" true

" true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Clauſe, did on the 5th of *December* " following, come to this Reſolution, *That as there is no General Law for* " *eſtabliſhing Fees in this Colony yet in Force, it is the Opinion of this Houſe,* " *that the Act entitled,* An Act for aſcertaining the Fees to be taken by the " ſeveral Officers in the Colony of *New-Jerſey, paſſed by the Governor, Coun-* " *cil and General Aſſembly this Seſſion, as it has the Approbation of the three* " *Branches of the Legiſlature here, ought to have a due Weight with the Judges* " *and all others concerned. And that they ought to take the ſaid Act for their* " *Rule to govern themſelves by, untill his Majeſty's Pleaſure be known concern-* " *ing the ſame* ; and to the End that the ſaid might be made Publick for the " Service aforeſaid, they ordered it to be printed. The Governor alarmed " at this unprecedented Behaviour and Proceeding of the Aſſembly, propo- " ſed to them amongſt ſeveral others the following Queries, *viz. By what* " *Authority they took upon themſelves to ſay, that an Act expreſly enacted, not to be* " *in Force till the King's Pleaſure is known concerning it, ought to be a Rule* " *to the Judges and others to govern themſelves by?* And likewiſe, *by what Au-* " *thority they ordered the ſame to be printed as a Rule for the Government of the* " *People?* To which Queries the Governor deſired a direct Anſwer, where- " upon the Aſſembly came to the following Reſolution, *That as this Houſe* " *only gave their Opinion of an Act which had paſs'd the three Branches of the* " *Legiſlature here, and have not aſſumed to themſelves any unwarrantable Au-* " *thority, they think themſelves not accountable for that Opinion, and that it is* " *not Conſiſtent with the Honour and Dignity of this Houſe, and the Truſt repoſed* " *in them to give any other Anſwer.* This Proceeding of the Aſſembly in- " duced the Governor to take notice (in a Speech he made to both Houſes " on the 10th of *December* 1743) of the Illegality of the Aſſembly's carrying " that, or any other Act into Execution, that had been paſſed by the three " Branches of the Legiſlature, with a Clauſe providing, that the ſame ſhould " not be in Force till his Majeſty's Pleaſure was known ; and likewiſe told " them, that he hoped they would be more prudent than to make any " Order for Printing the ſame. Notwithſtanding which, at their next Seſſion, " they carried their former Order into Execution, and a Copy of the Act " was printed in the Votes of the Houſe of Aſſembly of the 20th of *November* " 1744, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid."

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, May 8. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf, according to Order, waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and read it to him, in Anſwer to which his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, That it was very well, he ſhould not alter his Reſolution.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

A Repreſentation of *John Cox*, of *Trenton*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That by ſome Facts (tho' much miſrepre- ſented) in the Petition lately preſented to this Houſe, from the Perſons cal- ling themſelves Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hunterdon, Middleſex* and *Somerſet,*

Somerſet, he thinks it was intended to be levelled at the Claim his Family have long ſet up to ſome Lands on which ſome few of the Petitioners dwell: That as to the firſt part of the Petition, he takes himſelf not to be concerned in it. That the Coſts mentioned to have been paid in one Bill of Chancery, was untrue in Fact, there being ſundry Bills brought by the People themſelves which occaſioned ſo great Coſts. That there was a Years time given to the Perſon who went to *England* to diſcover the Title, before the Cauſes were brought on again: And the Evidence not allow'd by the Court was only a Letter from ſome Perſons in *England* to a Perſon here, informing him, that they had agreed with the Grandfather of the Repreſentant for *Maidenhead*; a Thing notoriouſly untrue; but if it had, as it was only the Allegation of the Parties concern'd, it could not be Evidence; and they might have excepted to the Opinion of the Court, which they did not do. That the Meſſenger on his return, when on his Death bed, directed his Executors to purchaſe the Lands he held under the Claim of the Petitioners, of the Repreſentant. Alſo, ſetting forth, the particular Steps taken by his Father and him in the ſeveral Proſecutions for their Rights, the juſtneſs of their Title, and the great Difficulties they have been put to in recovering their Rights, and the Lenity ſhewn to thoſe who had moſt obſtinately perſiſted in oppoſing. And that as the King has directed the Method of appealing to his Majeſty in Council, by another Mode than the Petitioners have taken; as Numbers of the Petitioners are no Parties to the Suits; as it is impoſſible by this Method to ſend the proceedings and Proofs before His Majeſty; as it is an open attack upon the Conſtitution of the Colonies, and the Manner of appealing appointed by the King, tending in its Nature to Sedition, &c. he hopes that it will meet with all the Diſcouragement the Nature of the Thing deſerves.

The Houſe adjourn'd for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary,

Mr. Speaker.

I am order'd by his Excellency to acquaint you, that he expects the Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber at *Kingſbury*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to attend his Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions.* And then to prorogue the General Aſſembly till to-morrow about this Time (which is about five of the Clock) then to meet at *Trenton*.

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BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

N. 26.

THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

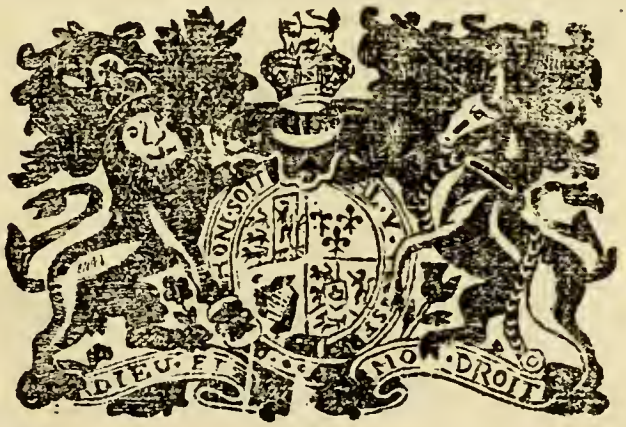
OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY

Held at *Trenton* on *Friday* the *Ninth* of *May* 1746.



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VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

TRENTON, Friday, May 9. 1746.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogation of Yeſterday, Twenty of the Members met.

Reſolved,

That the Speaker and any two of the Members be a ſufficient Number to meet and adjourn from Day to Day.

The Houſe being inform'd, that the Governor is very ill, adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 10. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till *Monday* next.

Monday, May 12. 1746

The Houſe met and adjourn'd 'till To-morrow.

Tueſday, May 13, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wedneſday, May 14. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Thurſday

Thurſday, May 15. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Friday, May 16. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 17. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till Monday next.

Monday, May 19. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow

Tueſday, May 20. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wedneſday, May 21. 1746. 1767

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow,

Note, *On this Day His Excellency* LEWIS MORRIS, *Eſq; Governor of this Colony, dyed, whereby the Government devolved on the Honourable* JOHN HAMILTON, *Eſq; eldeſt Councellor.*

Thurſday, May 22. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow

Friday, May 23. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 24, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till Monday next.

Monday, May 26. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Tueſday, May 27, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wedneſday

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Wedneſday, May 28, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Thurſday, May 29, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Friday, May 30, 1746,

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 31. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till *Monday* next.

Monday, June 2, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Tueſday, June 3. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wedneſday, June 4. 1746.

His Honour the Preſident was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly to *Wedneſday* next, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.

PERTH-AMBOY, Wedneſday, June 11. 1746.

Purſuant to a Prorogation of the General Aſſembly by the honourable *John Hamilton*, Eſq; Preſident of his Majeſty's Council, and Commander in Chief of this Colony, to this Day, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*; the Houſe met accordingly, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, June 12, 1746.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Stelle*, do wait on his Honour the Preſident, and acquaint him, that there are a ſufficient Number of the Members in Town to proceed upon Buſineſs.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf waited on the Preſident, with the Meſſage of the Houſe, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe immediately.

A Meſſage from the Preſident by the D. Clerk of the Council, deſiring the Attendance of the Houſe in the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Honour.

Being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on the Preſident, who was pleaſed to make a favourable Speech, of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Speech be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council and General Aſſembly,

THE Government of this Province having devolved on me by the Death of his Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Eſq; late Governor of this Province, and by Virtue of his Majeſty's Letters Patent, which conſtituted him Governor; I take this Opportunity to acquaint you thereof; and that on the firſt Day of this Month I received a Letter from the Duke of *New-Caſtle*, His Majeſty's principal Secretary of State, directed to his ſaid Excellency, or the Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, with other Letters to the Governors of his Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent to the Southward, as far as *Virginia*, which I immediately forwarded by an Expreſs to the Governor of *Pennſylvania*; which Letter I laid before you Gentlemen of the Council on the fourth Inſtant, who thereon unanimouſly adviſed me forthwith to meet the General Aſſembly of this Province, and by reaſon of my preſent ill State of Health, to prorogue them to meet here upon the Eleventh Day of this Inſtant, being the ſhorteſt Time that was conceived poſſible to give Notice thereof to the ſeveral Members, and for them to meet: And I forthwith ſent Expreſſes to the ſeveral Members of the General Aſſembly to meet here accordingly.

The Matter that will demand your earlieſt Care, and which I am commanded by his Majeſty to recommend to you in the ſtrongeſt Manner, is the joining heartily in promoting the Expedition which his Majeſty has been pleaſed to undertake againſt the *French* at *Canada*. This undertaking, the particulars of which you will ſee by the Duke of *New-Caſtle*'s Letter, (the Contents whereof I ſhall order to be laid before you) ſeems ſo juſtly calculated for the Benefit, future Safety, and perpetual Peace of all his Majeſty's Colonies on the Continent of *America*, that we cannot enough admire his Majeſty's Royal Goodneſs and Favour towards his *American* Subjects manifeſted on this Occaſion: And therefore I cannot in the leaſt doubt but you will exert yourſelves at this time, and fall upon the moſt effectual Meaſures to promote and encourage an Undertaking ſo Beneficial to us all, and thereby ſhew your Duty to the beſt of Kings, and your Zeal for the Intereſt of your Country, which nothing can advance more than the Succeſs of this Expedition.

I ſhall

I ſhall avoid laying any Buſineſs before you at preſent, which may interfere with your immediate Conſideration, of what I have recommended to you, or is not neceſſary to be gone through for promoting it, and ſhall ſupply what I have omitted here, in reſpect of other Exigencies of this Province, by ſubſequent Meſſages.

Gentlemen,

As this Expedition is of the utmoſt Importance to us all, the Seaſon of the Year far advanced, and the Time you have for acting your Part, of neceſſity muſt be very ſhort; I heartily recommend to you the utmoſt Zeal, Unanimity and Diſpatch in the Buſineſs under your Conſideration.

JOHN HAMILTON.

Ordered,

That his Honour's Speech be read again To-morrow Morning.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, by his Honours command, laid before the Houſe, the Duke of *New-Caſtle*'s Letter, mention'd in his Honour's Speech, which Letter is dated at *Whitehall, April* 9. 1746.

And the ſaid Letter was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Friday, June 13, 1746.

The Houſe met.

His Honour the Preſidents Speech was read a ſecond Time, and referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Letter from the Duke of *New-Caſtle* was alſo read and referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Matters to them referred: After ſome time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again, to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2. *P. M.*

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Matters to them referred: After ſome time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolutions.

1. *Reſolved,*

1. *Reſolved*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honour the Preſident in Anſwer to his favourable Speech.

To which the Houſe agrees.

2. *Reſolved*, That Proviſion ſhall be made for *Five Hundred* able bodied Men, being Freemen, as well Native Indians, of this Colony, as white Men, if ſo many ſhall voluntarily inliſt themſelves, to ſerve as common Soldiers in the intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, purſuant to his Majeſty's Commands, ſignified by the Duke of *New-Caſtle*, in his Letter recommended by His Honour the Preſident to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

And the Queſtion being put, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not, it paſs'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Eatton*,	These five voted for 350 Men.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Fiſher*	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	
Mr. *Kearney*,	Mr. *Cooke*.	Mr. *Demareſt*,	
Mr. *Heard*,		Mr. *Wright*,	
Mr. *Crane*,		Mr. *Emley*,	
Mr. *Low*,		Mr. *Cooper*,	

3. *Reſolved*, That there ſhall be paid to each of the ſaid Men who ſhall ſo inliſt as Voluntiers in this Colony, the Sum of *Six Pounds* Proclamation Money, as a Bounty over and above His Majeſty's Pay, and they ſhall alſo be provided each with a new Watch-Coat, a good Blanket, with Arms, Ammunition, Proviſions and other Neceſſaries.

To which 3d Reſolution of the Committee the Houſe agrees

Mr. *Cooper*, further reported, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to ſit again, to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low*, purchaſe Arms and Ammunition for the ſaid Soldiers.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooke*, and Mr. *Stelle*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Honour the Preſident, in anſwer to his favourable Speech.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane*, Mr, *Fiſher*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Cooke*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for making current *Twenty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and for applying ſo much of the ſaid Sum as ſhall be neceſſary for raiſing, arming, cloathing, victualling and tranſporting the Forces that ſhall be inliſted in this Colony, purſuant to the above Reſolutions, and making Proviſion for ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning eight o'Clock,
Saturday

Saturday, June 14. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till *Monday* next eight o' Clock in theMorning.

Monday, June 16, 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Tueſday, June 17, 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Addreſs to his Honour the Preſident, reported, that the Committee had prepared the ſame, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table; and it was read, and ſome Amendments made thereto in the Houſe, and then being read Paragraph by Paragraph, it was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Honour and deſire to know when the Houſe may attend him with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf, waited on his Honour with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, That he would let the Houſe know when to attend him by a Meſſage.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met,

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *for making current Twenty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit, and for applying ſo much of the ſaid Sum as ſhall be neceſſary for raiſing, arming, cloathing, victualling and tranſporting the Forces,* &c. reported, that the ſaid Committee had prepared a Draught of the ſaid Bill, and were ready to deliver it in when the Houſe would pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That it be received immediately.

And the ſaid Bill was brought in accordingly and read.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time To-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Preſident by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainting the Houſe that his Honour is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to attend his Honour.

Being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended the Preſident with their Addreſs, which is as follows.

To the Honourable JOHN HAMILTON *Eſq; Preſident of His Majeſty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the Province of* New-Jerſey.

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, in General Aſſembly met.

May it pleaſe your HONOUR,

" WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives " of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, now in General Aſſembly convened, " humbly beg leave to return your Honour our hearty Thanks for your fa- " vourable Speech to both Houſes. We readily acknowledge what you " have been pleaſed to communicate to us, That the Government of this " Province hath devolved on you by the Death of His Excellency *Lewis* " *Morris*, Eſq; late Governor thereof, and by Virtue of his Majeſty's Let- " ters Patent, which conſtituted him Governor.

" We are ſorry for your Honours preſent ill State of Health, and heartily " wiſh you a good Recovery; towards which we beg leave to aſſure you, " we will contribute all in our Power, by uſing our utmoſt Endeavours to " render your Adminiſtration quiet and eaſy.

" Your early Care and great Diligence in immediately ſending Expreſſes, " and convening the General Aſſembly of this Colony upon this Extraordi- " nary Occaſion, we look upon as an Inſtance of your hearty Attachment to the " common Cauſe.

" We on our parts forthwith proceeded to take the Matter referred to us " in your Honour's Speech, into our ſerious Conſideration: And we agree with " you, that we cannot enough admire His Majeſty's Royal Goodneſs and " Favour towards his *American* Subjects, manifeſted in the Expedition he " hath been pleaſed to Order againſt the *French* at *Canada*. An undertaking, " we own to be juſtly calculated for the benefit, future Safety, and perpetual " Peace of all his Majeſty's Colonies upon the Continent of *America*; and " which we gratefully acknowledge as a freſh Inſtance of his paternal Care " of us, and that he is not unmindful of the Welfare and Preſervation even " of his remoteſt Subjects.

" And to ſhew our Zeal and Sincerity upon this important Occaſion, we " have already reſolved to provide for Five Hundred Voluntiers, to be raiſed " in this Colony, for the preſent Expedition, in the following Manner.

" We have unanimouſly reſolved, to give a Bounty of *Six Pounds* to every " private Soldier, (being a Freeman) or Native well affected Indian, who " ſhall inliſt in the ſaid Service, beſides the Pay allowed them by the King.

" We

" We have unanimouſly reſolved, to furniſh them with Proviſions and other " Neceſſaries thereto appertaining, agreeable to his Majeſty's Royal Will and " Pleaſure, ſignified in the Duke of *New-Caſtle*'s Letter.

" We have alſo taken that Part of his Graces, Letter into our Conſideration " which relates to Arms and Cloathing for the Men to be raiſed, and which " is recommended to the Care of the ſeveral Governors to provide : And not " knowing of any publick Money which you can apply for this Service, there- " fore to render your Honour's Adminiſtration the more eaſy, and to ſhew " our honeſt and hearty Intentions to promote and forward every Projection " that may tend to the publick Good, we have alſo unanimouſly reſolved to " furniſh the Voluntiers, which ſhall be raiſed in this Colony as aforeſaid, " with Arms, Ammunition, and ſuch Cloathing as our preſent Circumſtances " will admit of, as doth appear by our ſaid Reſolves. And we ſhall order " an Accompt of this Part of the Supplies to be laid before your Honour, de- " ſiring you to apply to Lieutenant General St. *Clair*, for a reimburſement " thereof to the Province, whom his Majeſty hath authorized and impowered " to make a reaſonable Allowance for defraying that Expence, as appears by " the Duke of *New-Caſtle's* Letter afore-mentioned.

" And we ſhall proceed to take into our further Conſideration the Ways " and Means of raiſing this Supply in a Method the moſt expeditious and " leaſt burdenſome to the People we repreſent, and ſuitable to the preſent " low Circumſtances of the Colony; for which Purpoſe we have ordered a " Bill to be brought into our Houſe *for making current* Twenty Thouſand " Pounds *in Bills of Credit, and for applying ſo much of the ſaid Sum as ſhall* " *be neceſſary for the preſent Service ; and alſo making Proviſion therein for* " *ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit* ; without which Paper Credit it would be " impracticable for us at preſent to raiſe the Money any other Way, not " doubting of his Majeſty's Royal Favour and good Diſpoſition towards his " Loyal Subjects of *New-Jerſey*, in approving of their Proceedings upon this " ſudden Emergency.

" We beg leave to obſerve to your Honour that what we have now and " heretofore done upon ſuch like Occaſions, hath always been with the " greateſt Chearfulneſs and Diſpatch, in which we have exerted ourſelves to " the utmoſt of our Power and Abilities for the Advancement of his Ma- " jeſty's Honour, and the common Good of his Subjects, and have thereby " ſhewn our Duty and Loyalty to the beſt of Kings, and our Zeal for the " Intereſt of our Country.

By Order of the Houſe,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

To which his HONOUR was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer.

Gentlemen,

I *Heartily thank you for this Addreſs. The Gratitude you therein expreſs for His Majeſty's Goodneſs, and the Zeal and Unanimity with which you have proceeded*

proceeded, and reſolve to proceed, in anſwering His juſt Expectations, cannot but greatly recommend you to His favour, and to the Good-Will of all who have the Intereſt and Safety of the Britiſh Colonies at Heart.

The Aſſurances and Marks you give of your Endeavours to render my Adminiſtration quiet and eaſy, I gratefully accept; and in return, aſſure you, that I ſhall not be wanting in what's in my Power to do, for the publick Good, and Honour and Intereſt of this Colony.

The Houſe having receiv'd Information from Mr. *Nevill*, one of their Members, that one *Ezekiel Forman*, of *Monmouth* County, has lately inſulted and abuſed Mr. Speaker, treating him with very approbious Language.

Ordered,
That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Sergeant at Arms to bring the ſaid *Ezekiel Forman* forthwith before the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Wedneſday, June 18th. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Order of the Day being read, the Bill *for providing for the Forces to be raiſed here*, was read a ſecond Time and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for making current Forty thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit.*

Then the Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill, *For providing for the Forces to be raiſed in this Colony*: After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met,

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for making current* Forty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the Conſideration of the Bill, *For providing for the Forces to be raiſed in this Colony*: After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and had directed him to report

report it as their Opinion, That as his Majeſty has recommended it to the ſeveral Governors, to take Care that the Soldiers to be raiſed may be provided with Arms and Cloathing, and has authorized and impowered Lieutenant General St. *Clair* to make a reaſonable Allowance for the defraying that Expence. (The Money for which Service this Houſe, for the Reaſons mentioned in their Addreſs, have reſolved to ſupply for the preſent, by ſtriking Bills of Credit ſufficient for that Purpoſe.) And as his Majeſty has alſo recommended it to the Council and Aſſembly of *New-Jerſey*, to provide a ſufficient Quantity of Proviſions for the Subſiſtance of the Troops, it will be proper to bring in ſeparate Bills for thoſe Purpoſes; To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Demareſt* and Mr. *Stelle*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, *for the Encouragement of the enliſting of Men in this Colony of* New-Jerſey *for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *and for making Proviſion for their Subſiſtance for four Months, and for Tranſporting them to* Albany, *in the Province of* New-York.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, *for making current Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Honourable* John Hamilton, *Eſq; Commander in Chief for the Time being, to defray the Expence of arming, and cloathing the Forces to be rais'd in this Colony for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *and providing for ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Thurſday, June 19. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the Houſe a Letter he receiv'd, after the Houſe roſe Yeſterday, from his Honour the Preſident, wherein was incloſed a Copy of ſome Paragraphs of a Letter from Governor CLINTON to his HONOUR, deſiring him to endeavour to ſend all the fighting *Indians* within this Government, to *Albany*, to join the Six Nations on this Occaſion; and that he hopes it will be thought reaſonable that this Government, with the others to the Southward, ſhould bear a Proportion of the Expence attending their engaging with them.

The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration are of Opinion, That they have already done all in their Power in that Reſpect, having reſolved to give the Bounty, and make the ſame Proviſion for the *Indians* in this Colony, who ſhall engage in the Service as for the other Forces to be rais'd here.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Fiſher* do wait on his Honour and acquaint him that the Houſe has got the Buſineſs in a good Forwardneſs which was

recommended in his Speech: And as he was pleaſed to intimate that he would inform the Houſe by Meſſages of any other Affairs he had to recommend to them. They now deſire his Honour will be pleaſed to recommend what other Buſineſs he thinks neceſſary to be done at this time, that the Houſe may proceed therein as they ſhall have Leiſure, their private Affairs requiring that they ſhould make the utmoſt Diſpatch.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf waited on the Preſident with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, that he would call the Council and lay it before them.

The Bill *for making current* Forty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit.* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Low*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, according to order brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Pounds in Bills of Credit to enable the Hon.* John Hamilton, *Eſq; Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the time Being, to defray the Expence of arming and cloathing the Forces to be raiſed in this Colony, for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *and providing for ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit.*

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading in the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill *for making current*, &c. according to the order of the Forenoon, was read a ſecond Time and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the ſaid Bill; and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed for that purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of the Inliſting of Men in this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *and for making Proviſion for their Subſiſtance for four Months, and for tranſporting them to* Albany *in the Province of* New-York.

And the ſaid Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading To-morrow Morning.

The Sergeant at Arms attending, he was called in, and inform'd the Houſe, that he had *Ezekiel Forman* ready to bring before the Houſe.

Ordered

Ordered,
That he remain in Cuſtody till further Order.

The Houſe adjourn'd till eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, June 20. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The Bill *for the Encouragement of the inliſting of Men, &c.* according to the Order of the Day, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Preſident by the Deputy Clerk of the Council in the following Words,

GENTLEMEN,

WHEN I ſpoke to you at the opening of this Seſſions, I purpoſely avoided recommending any thing to your Conſideration but what related to the Expedition againſt *Canada*, becauſe I did then, and do ſtill think that Affair of ſo much Conſequence to his Majeſty's Service, and the ſpeedy Diſpatch of it ſo likely to prove Beneficial to all his Colonies, that it ought to be gone through before any other Buſineſs was entered upon.

When I reflect, Gentlemen, on the Conſequences of this Undertaking, upon the many Things we have to do in this Affair, and upon the Shortneſs of the Time we have for preparing our Troops for a March into the Enemy's Country, I cannot help being of Opinion, that this, and this alone, ſhould engroſs our whole Thoughts; however upon the Receipt of your Meſſage of this Day, by Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Fiſher*, I immediately called together His Majeſty's Council, and laid it before them for their Advice; and they were unanimouſly with me in Opinion, that no other Buſineſs ought to be undertaken till this was gone through; and if then it was inconſiſtent with the private Intereſt of the Members to continue together longer at this buſy Seaſon, that I ſhould grant them a ſhort Receſs till after Harveſt.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the Bill, *for the Encouragement of the inliſting of Men*, &c.

After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

A Petition of *Ezekiel Forman* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be heard concerning the Matter alledged againſt him.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid *Ezekiel Forman* be heard before a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered

Ordered,
That the Sergeant at Arms bring him immediately before the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe accordingly reſoved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe for that purpoſe: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker (being ſent for in) reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman, reported that the ſaid *Ezekiel Forman* was brought before the Committee, and was fully heard, and then was ordered to withdraw, as alſo Mr. Speaker was pleaſed to withdraw: And that the Committee, having conſidered the Affair, are of Opinion, that the ſaid *Ezekiel Forman* hath uſed Mr. Speaker in a very indecent Manner, knowing him to be a Member of this Houſe, and that therefore he ought to acknowledge his Offence, and aſk Pardon of the Houſe;

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That the ſaid *Ezekiel Forman* do acknowledge his fault, and ask Pardon of the Houſe accordingly.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2. *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *for the Encouragement of the enliſting of Men*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Saturday, June 21. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Reſolved,
That *John Titus*, who hath attended as Door-Keeper this Seſſion, be Door Keeper of this Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill, *to encourage the enliſting of Men*, &c.

After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* have leave to go home upon Extraordinary Occaſions.

Then the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe

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to proceed on the above ſaid Bill: And after ſome time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ezekiel Forman attending at the Door, was called in, and made the following Declaration, *viz.*

I acknowledge, that a due Regard ought always to be had to the Honour of this Houſe, and am heartily ſorry that I ſhould incur the Diſpleaſure of the Houſe; and aſſure them that it never was my Intention to do ſo, and do humbly aſk Forgiveneſs for ſo doing.

Ordered,
That the ſaid *Ezekiel Forman* be diſcharged out of the Cuſtody of the Sergeant, paying his Fees.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning next eight o'Clock.

Monday, June 23. 1746

The Houſe met,

And reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *to encourage the inliſting of* Men, &c. After ſome time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Tueſday, June 24, 1746.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *to encourage the inliſting of Men*, &c. After ſometime ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two' o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *to encourage the inliſting of Men*, &c. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported that the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, as well to the Title as Body of ſaid Bill.

And the Bill with the Amendments was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill *for making Ten Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, &c.

After ſome time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Wedneſday, June 25, 1746.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *for making Ten Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, &c.

After ſome Time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The engroſſed Bill entitled *An Act to encourage the enliſting of Five Hundred Freemen, or native well affected Indians in this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for his Majeſty's Service, in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *for making Proviſion for their Subſiſtence for four Months, for tranſporting them to* Albany *in the Province of* New-York, *and for defraying the Expence thereof out of the Intereſt Money ariſing from the Loans of the Bills of Credit of this Colony*; was read the third Time, and two Amendments made thereto by the Houſe.

And then the Queſtion being put, whether the ſaid Bills do paſs or not, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*	Mr. *R. Smith*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Kearney*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Cooke*.	Mr. *Hancock*.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Emley*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,		

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

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The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf according to order waited on the Council with the Bill entruſted to them and delivered it to the Chairman in Council.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill *for making Ten Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, &c. After ſome time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he was directed to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

And the ſaid Bill was read with the Amendments, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning eight o'Clock,

Thurſday, June 26. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Honourable* John Hamilton, *Eſq; Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the time Being to defray the Expence of Arming, and Cloathing the Forces to be rais'd in this Colony for his Majeſty's Service, in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *and directing the Manner of ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit*, was read the third Time and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill do paſs: It was carry'd in the Affirmative.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr.

Mr. *Low* reported that Mr. *Spicer* and himſelf according to order delivered the ſaid Bill *for making current Ten Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, &c. to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Friday, June 27, 1746,

The Houſe met and adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Saturday, June 28. 1746.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the Houſe that the Bill entitled, *An Act to encourage the inliſting of* Five Hundred *Freemen or well affected Native Indians in this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, &c. AND ALSO the Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Touſand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enabe the Hon.* John Hamilton, *Eſq; Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, to defray the Expence of arming and cloathing the Forces to be raiſed in this Colony for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *and directing the Manner of ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit*, were ſeverally paſſed by that Houſe this Day.

Ordered,

That there be printed forthwith *One Hundred and Sixty Sets* of the Laws which ſhall be paſſed this Seſſion to be diſtributed in the ſame Manner as thoſe paſſed in 1743. And further to five Captains on the preſent Expedition, each one, and for the Uſe of the Agent four.

And alſo there ſhall be printed *Two Hundred and Seventy Setts* of the Law paſs'd laſt Seſſion *for ſettling the Militia*, to be delivered by the reſpective Treaſurers to any one of the Members of the ſeveral Counties as follows.

For *Middleſex*	31	For *Burlington*	24
Eſſex,	27	*Hunterdon* and *Morris*	38
Bergen,	22	*Glouceſter*,	20
Somerſet,	21	*Salem*,	26
Monmouth,	23	*Cape-May*,	12

To be diſtributed in each County as follows,

To the Members each - - -	1
Col. Lieut, Col. Major, and Captains, each	1
Firſt Judge of the County - - -	1
Mayors, each - - - -	1
Clerk of the County, - - -	1
Clerks of Corporations and Precincts, for the Uſe thereof, each - - - -	1

And

And further the Treaſurers to give as follows.

To the Commander in Chief ——	4
Each of the Council, —— ——	1
Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court,	1
Each of the Treaſurers, ——	1
The Attorney General, — —	1
For the Uſe of the Agent ——	4

Ordered,
That *Joſeph Cooper*, Eſq; and Mr. *Thomas Spicer*, agree with a Printer for printing the Laws, and direct him to do it forthwith, and immediately ſend them to the reſpective Treaſurers of this Colony.

Ordered,
That *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print the Bills of Credit, directed to be printed by a Bill paſs'd this Seſſion by both Houſes, when it ſhall have obtained his honour the Preſident's Aſſent, provided the ſaid *William Bradford* will undertake it at as reaſonable a Rate as any other Printer, otherwiſe the Perſons appointed may agree with ſuch other Printer as they ſee fit.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane*, and Mr, *Spicer* do wait on his Honour, and acquaint him, that this Houſe have gone through the Buſineſs he was pleaſed to recommend to them, and that if he has nothing further to recommend at this Time, the Houſe deſires he will be pleaſed to diſmiſs them.

Reſolved
That Thirteen of the Members ſhall be a ſufficient Number to ſend the Sergeant at Arms for the abſent Members.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himſelf, according to order, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe to his Honour.

A Petition of two Priſoners now in the Goal of *New-Brunſwick*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that their Debts amounts to ſo much that they are not entitled to the Benefit of the Act *for relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, and praying that the ſaid Act may be enlarged.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met,

A Meſſage from His Honour by Mr. Secretary: Mr. Speaker, *His Honour expects the Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber immediately.* Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to attend his Honour.

Being returned Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Honour the Preſident, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to two Bills enacting the ſame, entitled as follows, *viz.*

1. *AN ACT to encourage the inliſting of Five Hundred Freemen, or native well affected Indians in this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada: *For making Proviſion for their Subſiſtence for four Months: For tranſporting them to* Albany *in the Province of* New-York: *And for defraying the Expence thereof out of the Intereſt Money ariſing from the Loans of the Bills of Credit of this Colony.*

2. *AN ACT for making current Ten Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Honourable* John Hamilton, Eſq; *Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, to defray the Expence of arming and cloathing the Forces to be raiſed in this Colony, for his Majeſty's Service in the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *and directing the Manner of ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit.*

And then to make a Speech to both Houſes, which is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

I thank you for this ſeaſonable ſupply for promoting the Expedition, and for your Zeal and Diſpatch in the Grant of it.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Aſſembly,

There have been too moſt notorious Riots at *Newark* in the County of *Eſſex*, where his Majeſty's Authority and Laws have been treated with the greateſt Diſreſpect and Contempt. His Goal there was twice broke open, and the Priſoners therein lawfully detained, were taken out and carryed away in Triumph: His Majeſty's known Officers beat and abuſed in the lawful Exerciſe of their Offices, and this was done at one time by about 150, at the other by upwards of 300 Men, and at both Times they gave out, that they could have twice the Numbers if they were neceſſary; and all this was done for no other reaſon, but becauſe a Man was ſued in a common Action of Treſpaſs, for cutting Timber on ſome Lands that he had a Claim to: And it was then, and I am told is now given out, that theſe People will not ſuffer any legal Proofs to be executed on any Man that lives on Lands held by an *Indian* Right; and boaſt that their Numbers are ſo great, that they are not afraid of being puniſhed for theſe Crimes. All the Methods that it was prudent for the Government to uſe, have been taken to put a Stop to this growing Evil, and it appears that they have all proved ineffectual; and it has not been in the Power of the Government hitherto to bring any of the Delinquents to Juſtice. Upon this I think it my Duty to obſerve to you, that ſo open avowed an Attempt to throw off their Dependance on the Crown of *Britain*, and flying in the Face of the Government, and obſtructing the Courſe of legal Proceedings, and owning and avowing this, and boaſting in their Numbers and Strength to protect themſelves againſt the Laws, is of ſuch dangerous Conſequence to his Majeſty's Authority in his Plantations, that unleſs we fall upon Meaſures effectually to puniſh it for the time paſſed, and by ſevere Laws to prevent Things of that Nature for the Time to come, we ſhall have

have reaſon to fear the Reſentment of his Majeſty and a *Britiſh* Parliament, which may be too heavy for us to bear.

I therefore, in his Majeſty's Name, recommend to you, to proceed with the utmoſt Diſpatch in ſuch vigorous Meaſures as may be moſt conducive to reſtore thePeace and Tranquility of the Province, that the Laws may again have their due Courſe, and his Majeſty's Subjects may be again at Liberty to take the Benefit of thoſe Laws.

You can't be ignorant that the Government has been without any Support for nigh too Years, and that there is a conſiderable Debt due to the ſeveral Officers of the Government, and thoſe whoſe time has been employed in the Service of the Publick: I muſt therefore recommend to you to make Proviſion for the Payment of thoſe Debts, and for the future Support of the Government, which I ſhall expect will be done in as ample a Manner as has been hitherto uſual.

My Love for the Province will be a ſufficient Inducement to me to do every Thing for its Intereſt and Proſperity, conſiſtent with his Majeſty's Royal Inſtructions.

Theſe Things, *Gentlemen*, are what I have at preſent to recommend to your Conſideration; but if your continuing longer together at this buſy Seaon of the Year, will be prejudicial to your private Affairs, I am willing to grant you a Receſs; and you have my leave to adjourn yourſelves for a Fortnight at a Time, until I ſhall, by circular Letters, order you to meet; or you may now proceed to Buſineſs.

JOHN HAMILTON.

And then the Houſe, according to his Honour's Permiſſion, adjourn'd until Saturday Fortnight, the 12th Day of July next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE Speaker.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, October 9. 1746

PURSUANT to his Honours ſeveral Adjournments to this Day, Sixteen of the Members met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on his Honour and acquaint him, that there is a ſufficient Number of the Members met to proceed upon Buſineſs, and deſire to know, if his Honour hath any Thing to lay before them.

Mr. *Kearney* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf had waited on the Preſident with the Meſſage of the Houſe, in Anſwer to which his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, That the Houſe might proceed on what Buſineſs was before them, and when the Council met he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 10, 1746,

The Houſe met,

Ordered,

That his Honours Speech of the 28th of *June* laſt be again Read, which was read accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the ſaid Speech.

After ſometime ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution, that a Bill be brought in *for the Support of Government*, and deſired leave to ſit again, to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eaton*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Demareſt*, and Mr. *Hancock*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Meſſage from his Honour was read, which is in the following Words,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

I HAVE called you together at this Time, to lay before you ſome Things that will require your immediate Conſideration, and have been obliged to meet you at this Place, becauſe my ill State of Health and great Weakneſs of Body would not permit me to attend you any where elſe.

Agreeable to His Majeſty's Orders to me, I endeavoured to raiſe as many Men as I could, and ſuch was the Inclination of the People in general to ſerve His Majeſty and their Country on this important Occaſion, that in ſeven Weeks after the Publication of His Majeſty's gracious Intention, and the handſome Encouragement and Proviſion you had reſolved to make, I had upwards of *Six Hundred and Sixty* Men raiſed in this Province and ready for Service: Out of which I formed *ſix* compleat Companies, *five* of which are upon the Eſtabliſhment of this Province, and the other, upon my Recommendation to the Governor of *New-York*, is put upon the Eſtabliſhment of that Province, and what Men remained, which were not ſufficient to form a compleat Company, were permitted to go to *New-York* to fill up a Company there.

The Secretary will lay before you Copies of the ſeveral Orders I have given, and the Letters I have wrote to the Commiſſioners appointed for cloathing and arming the Troops, and the Commiſſioners for victualling and tranſporting, will inform you in what Manner they executed the Truſt repoſed in them, upon which I can only ſay, that the Commiſſioners have uſed the greateſt Diſpatch that could be expected, and I am well aſſured, the Things provided are of the beſt kind.

I have further to inform you, that the ſeveral Neceſſaries being provided, the five Companies, upon the Eſtabliſhment of this Province, were put on board the Tranſports, and ſet Sail for *Albany* on the *third* of *September* laſt, and arrived there on the *ninth* in good Health. The Orders, Inſtructions and Letters I gave and wrote on that Occaſion, will be laid before you for your more particular Information.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

As the Troops are now at *Albany* ready for Service, when His Majeſty thinks fit to Order, and are to remain in that Country the enſuing Winter, and as the Communication by Water between us and them will be cut off by the cloſing of *Hudſon*'s River, and as there's only four Months Proviſions ſent with them, which will be expended about the End of *December* next, I heartily recommend it to you to make a further Proviſion for them, ſo as it may be ſent up before the Rigour of the Seaſon comes on.

I have received ſome Diſpatches which give me Intelligence of a Fleet of *Eighteen* Sail of *French* Men of War, with a conſiderable Number of Tranſports, ſaid to contain *four Thouſand* Land Forces, being on the Coaſt of *America*: What Part of the *Engliſh* Settlements they intend to attack, is, as yet, uncertain; but it is more than probable the *French* King would not ſend ſuch a conſiderable Armament into *America* without ſome Intentions to the Prejudice of His Majeſty Dominions, and it behoves them all to be upon their Guard, and I make not the leaſt doubt but your Zeal for the Safety of your Country, will induce you to fall upon ſuch Meaſures as will enable us to make a good Defence in Caſe they ſhould attempt toLand in this Province, or to afford a ready Aſſiſtance to ourNeighbours, ſhould any of them be attacked. What Orders I have iſſued for giving the Alarm upon the Approach of an Enemy, and for the Aſſiſtance of the Neighbouring Province of *New-York*, together with the ſaid Diſpatches, will be laid before you by the Secretary.

As to what further relates to our own Province, I muſt refer you to what I ſaid at the Cloſe of the laſt ſitting.

Perth-Amboy,
Oct. 10. 1746. JOHN HAMILTON.

The ſeveral Diſpatches and Papers referred to in the above Meſſage relating to the *French* Fleet, were alſo read, and the ſaid Meſſage, Diſpatches, and Papers were ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two' o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Eaton*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill *for the Support of Government*, brought in a Draught of the ſaid Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, and it was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, October 11. 1746.

The Houſe met.

His Honours Meſſage, with the ſeveral Papers and Diſpatches ſent therewith, was read and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

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The Bill *for ſupport of Government* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning next nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 13. 1746.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, October 14, 1746.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the Bill *for ſupport of Government*: And after ſometime ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*: And after ſometime ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Wedneſday, October 15. 1746.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*: After ſometime ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he was directed to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* accordingly reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as followeth,

Reſolved,
That the Government be ſupported for one Year, to commence the *Twenty ſecond* of *May* 1746 and to End the 22*d* of *May* 1747. To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,
That in and by the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey *for one Year*, &c. when paſſed into Law, there be paid

To

To the Honourable JOHN HAMILTON, Esq; President and Commander in Chief of this Colony, or to the Commander in Chief, for the Time being, the Sum of *Five Hundred* Pounds. To which the House agreed.

To the Chief Justice for the Time being, for holding the Supream Courts at *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington*, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? It was carried in the Negative.

Then the Question was put, what should be the Sum? and it was carried for *One Hundred Pound*.

For £. 50	For £. 50.	For £. 100:	For £. 100.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Kearney*,	Mr. *Brick*,
Mr. *Van Buskirk*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Fiſher*	Mr. *Emley*.
		Mr. *R. Smith*,	

To the Second and Third Judges for the time being, the Sum of *Twenty five* Pounds each. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays,	Nays.
Mr. *Eaton*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Cooke*,
Mr. *Crane*	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hancock*
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Kearney*,	who all voted
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	for £, 30.
Mr. *VanBuſkirk*,	Mr. *Emley*.	Mr. *D. Smith*,	

To the Attorney General, for the time being, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? it was carried in Affirmative.

Yeas	Yeas	Yeas	Nays
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Kearney*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Low*,			

To each of the Treasurers for the Time being, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To *Richard Partridge* Esq; Agent of this Colony, or to the Agent for the Time being, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Circuits, for the Time being, *Twenty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, for the Time being, *Ten Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To each of the above Officers, except the President, their Arrearages in the above Proportion for the Time from the 23d of *Sept.* 1744, to the 22d of *May* 1746. And also to the Clerk of the Circuits for the Year ended *Sept*, 23.

1744. for his Salary, voted but omitted to be apply'd in the laſt Act for *Support of Government*, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, to which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Nevill* further reported, the Reſolutions of the Committee concerning the contingent Charges of the Government, which were agreed to by the Houſe and are as followeth.

Reſolved,

That in and by the ſaid Act there be paid.

To the Chief Juſtice, or other Judge in his abſence, for holding the Circuit Courts, and Courts of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, ſince the 23d. of *Sept.* 1744. until the expiration of the ſaid Act, for each time he hath or ſhall hold the ſaid Courts, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, unleſs he hath had, or is to receive, Satisfaction otherwiſe for the ſame.

To each of the Council for their attendance at this or any other Sitting during the Continuance of the ſaid Act, and alſo for their Attendance at former Sittings, ſince the Year 1743. the Sum of *Six Shillings per Diem.*

To the Clerk of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for his attendance in manner aboveſaid, *Eight Shillings per Diem*, alſo the Sum of *Twenty-four Pounds*, for entering the Minutes of this and ſaid former Sittings fair in the Book, copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, Pen, Ink and Paper.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Minutes, ſince the laſt Proviſion made by Law, for payment for ſaid Service, and to *Benjamin Franklin*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed for printing the Laws, ſince Proviſions was made for payment thereof, or that ſhall be paſſed this or any other Sitting, during the Continuance of the ſaid Act; ſuch Sums as *Richard Smith*, jun. *Joſeph Cooper* and *Daniel Smith*, Eſqrs. or any two of them ſhall agree for.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, for his attendance on the Houſe of Repreſentatives, this or any other Sitting during the ſaid Term of one Year, and for attending at the former Sittings ſince the Year 1743, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem.*

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, for his attendance on the Council in manner aforeſaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem.*

To the Door-keeper of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time being for his attendance in manner aforeſaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem.* alſo to *William Petty*, Door-keeper, *Thirty Shillings* to pay for Firewood and Candles, for the uſe of the Houſe at a former Sitting.

To the Heirs or Executors of *John Parker*, for the uſe of a Room, Firewood and Candle, *&c.* the Sum of *Twenty Shillings per Week*, during this preſent Sitting, and the former Sittings at *Perth Amboy*, not provided for by Law.

To Col. *John Reading*, to pay for the uſe of a Room, Fire and Candle, for the Council, the Sum of *Twelve Shillings per Week*, during this preſent Sitting and the former Sittings of General Aſſembly, ſince the Year 1743.

To *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; his Account for remitting the Agent's Salary, *&c.* to the 23d of *Sept.* 1744, the Sum of *Eleven Pound Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence.*

To

To *Richard Smith*, jun. Eſq; the Sum of *Two Hundred Forty three Pounds ſixteen Shillings* and *two pence three Farthings*, to be remitted to *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; Agent of this Colony, in full for his Diſburſments, to the 10th. *July* 1745.

To the Executors of his late Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Eſq; his Account for Caſh paid for an Expreſs to *Philadelphia*, with the Declaration of War and Expences in apprehending the Counterfeiters of *York* Bills, the Sum of *Four Pound ſeventeen Shillings.*

To the Speaker and each of the Members, for the Time each of them hath attended at the Sittings of *General Aſſembly*, ſince the Year 1743, or have attended or ſhall attend at this or any other Sitting during the ſaid one Year, the Sum of *Six Shillings per Diem.*

Ordered,
That the ſaid ſeveral Sums be incerted in the Bill, which being done accordingly.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill be engroſs'd.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock this Afteernoon.

The Houſe met.

Reſolv'd,
That the Draught of an humble Addreſs to His Majeſty be brought into the Houſe, and that therein the Houſe will congratulate His Majeſty on the late happy Deliverance of his Perſon and Government, from the deſperate Attempts of a Popiſh Pretender, and his deluded Faction.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eaton*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Cooke* and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Addreſs accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 16. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The engroſs'd Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New Jerſey, *for one Year, to commence the* 22d. *Day of* May, 1746. *and to end the* 22d. *Day of* May, 1747. *and to diſcharge the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof*, was read, and compared and on the Queſtion.

Reſolv'd,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their concurrence.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committe of the whole Houſe, to conſider His Honours Meſſage, and the ſeveral Papers ſent therewith.

After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referr'd, and had come to ſome Reſolutions thereupon, which he was directed to Report, when the Houſe would be pleas'd to receive it, and that the Committee deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed,

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* thereupon reported the Reſolutions of the Committe, as follows

Reſolved,
That a further Supply of Proviſions be ſent to the Forces raiſed in this Colony, now at *Albany*.

Reſolved,
That Proviſion be made for paying the Subſiſtance of ſo many of the Forces raiſed in this Colony, from the Time of Muſtering, to the Time of their Embarkation for *Albany*, as ſhall be made appear to this Houſe, were truly inliſted to ſerve his Majeſty, according to the Intent of the Law.

And the ſaid Reſolutions were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Kearney*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Demareſt* be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, *for a further Supply of Proviſions for the ſaid Forces.*

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf, according to Order, went with the Bill, *for Support of Government*, to the Council Chamber, but the Council not ſitting, they waited on the *Preſident*, who inform'd them, that there had not been a Councellor in Town, ſince the Beginning of this Sitting of *General Aſſembly*, but that he expected there would be a Council held this Day.

Ordered,
That the Bill be committed to the Care of Mr. *Speaker*, and it was delivered to him accordingly.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The

The Houſe met,

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an humble Addreſs to His Majeſty, preſented the ſame to the Houſe, and it was received and read, and ſome Amendments being made thereto, the Houſe agreed to the ſame, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Ordered,
That the ſaid Addreſs be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for a further ſupply of Proviſions, for the Forces, &c.* brought in the ſame, which was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 17. 1746.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to His Majeſty, with two fair Copies thereof, were read and compared.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* Sign the ſame, which was done accordingly, and the ſaid Addreſs is as followeth.

To His moſt Excellent Majeſty, GEORGE *the* Second, *by the Grace of God, of* Great-Britain, France *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, of the Colony of Nova Cæſarea, *or* New Jerſey, *in* America, *in General Aſſembly convened.*

Moſt gracious Sovereign.

'WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of your Colony of *New Jerſey*, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Preſence, to congratulate your Majeſty on the Deliverance of your Kingdoms, from the late Attempt of a wicked abandon'd Popiſh Pretender.

'It was with Aſtoniſhment and Abhorrence, that we heard of a Number of People in your Majeſty's Dominions, who (void of Underſtanding, and inſenſible of the Bleſſings flowing from your mild and auſpicious Reign) have ſuffered themſelves to be ſo far deluded by our common Enemies, as deſperately to engage in open and publick Rebellion againſt your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, vainly attempting to Subject a free People, to the miſerable Slavery of a Popiſh arbitrary Power.

'As our Civil and Religious Principles teach us an Averſion to, and Abhorrence of the Superſtition, Idolatry, and Tyranny of the Church of

' *Rome*, ſo had theſe Rebels been ſuffered to have Uſurp'd the Power of ' ruling over your Majeſty's loyal Subjects, We in your Plantations muſt ' undoubtedly have been ſubjected to their Reſentment, We are therefore ' under the greateſt Obligations to be thankful unto Almighty God, who by ' his good Providence, hath ſo graciouſly interpos'd for the Preſervation of ' your Royal Perſon and Government.

' So happy an Interpoſition as it gives us this Opportunity, ſo it makes ' it our indiſpenſible Duty alſo, to acknowledge your Majeſty's paternal Care ' for the Safety of your People, which hath been ſo ſignally demonſtrated, in ' your Majeſty's permitting one of your Royal Offspring to expoſe himſelf ' for their Preſervation, to the Fury of Men, more deſperate ſavage and ' unnatural than the Beaſts of our Wilderneſs.

' It is a peculiar Happineſs that many of our fellow Subjects enjoy, to be ' near your Royal Perſon, and to partake of the immediate Influence of a ' Government We feel (in part) the good Effects of, for which We return ' your Majeſty our moſt humble Thanks, in that you have been moſt ' graciouſly pleaſed from Time to Time, to inſtruct thoſe Perſons your Ma- ' jeſty hath been pleaſed to appoint to preſide over us, to protect us in our ' civil and religious Liberties. This to us is a Demonſtration of your ' Majeſty's Care and tender Regard, and that it is extended even to the ' remoteſt of your Subjects.

' We humbly beſeech Almighty God, who can bring Good out of Evil, ' to fruſtrate the Councils of your Majeſty's Enemies, and make their ' wicked Devices ſubſervient to the Eſtabliſhment of your Perſon and Family, ' (if poſſible) more firmly in the Affections of your People, That he may ' Bleſs all your Majeſty's Councils, and grant Succeſs to your Endeavours ' for the Eſtabliſhing an honourable and laſting Peace in *Europe*, and all ' theſe your Majeſty's Plantations: That your Majeſty may long live to ' enjoy the Crown you wear, with Eaſe and Delight, exceeding in Honour ' your illuſtrious Anceſtors: That when it ſhall pleaſe him to part you from ' an earthly Diadem, it may be to receive a Crown more premanent and ' glorious, and that *Great-Britain*, with all your Majeſty's Dominions, may ' be always happy, in an uninterrupted Race of your Royal Offspring reign- ' ing on the *Britiſh* Throne.

Divers of the Members of this Houſe being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

Ordered,

That the Perſons appointed to correſpond with the Agent, do tranſmit the ſaid Addreſs to him to be preſented by him to His Majeſty.

The Bill, *for a further Supply of Proviſions for the Forces at* Albany, was read a ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd 'till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to make current* Eight Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling the Forces lately raiſed in* New Jerſey, *on an Expedition againſt* Canada, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the Bill to the Council for their concurrence.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf, according to Order, went with the ſaid Bill to the Council Chamber, but the Council not being ſitting, they waited on the Preſident, who inform'd them, that there were none of the Council in Town that he knew of, but that he had ſent the Sergeant for them, and expected there would be a Council to-morrow.

Ordered,
That the Bill be committed to the Care of Mr. *Speaker*, and it was delivered to him accordingly.

Mr. *Speaker* inform'd the Houſe, that laſt Night the *Grand Jury*, of the County of *Middleſex*, came to his Lodging, and deſired him to inform the Houſe, that it was made appear to them, that ſome Suits have been lately brought in the County Courts, or Mayors Courts, of this County, on Bonds or Penal Bills, where the reſpective Conditions of ſuch Obligations were for the Payment of Sums of Money, that with the Intereſt did not amount to *Five Pounds* Proclamation Money, though the Obligation exceeded ſaid Sum, upon which ſome of the Defendants paid Coſts, and that one of thoſe Suits was brought ſeparately againſt two Obligors, when but *Four Pounds eleven Shillings* Money, at eight Shillings *per* Ounce, was due on the Condition, and the Coſt of ſaid Suit exceeded *Nine Pounds*, upon which the ſaid Jury intended yeſterday to petition this Houſe to-day, to take the ſame under their Conſideration, but their Buſineſs being ended ſooner than they expected, and the Court being like to end that Night, they had not Time to Petition as aforeſaid, and that the ſaid *Grand Jury* requeſted this Houſe to take the ſame under their Conſideration.

The Houſe accordingly were moved to take the ſame into Conſideration, but the Buſineſs of this Sitting being near at an end.

Reſolved,
That at the next Sitting, the Houſe will make inquiry into the ſame.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Saturday,

Saturday, October 18. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Eatton*, do wait on his Honour and acquaint him, that this Houſe has gone through all the Buſineſs they can conveniently do at this Time, and as there is not a Council in Town, and it's not known to the Houſe when there will be, they deſire leave to adjourn themſelves till *Thurſday* next, and ſo from Time to Time, as there may be occaſion, until the Bills paſſed by this Houſe, this Sitting, ſhall have been gone through by the Council, and ſhall have been aſſented or not aſſented to by his Honour, if they ſhall come before him.

Mr. *Kearney* reported, that Mr. *Eatton* and himſelf, according to Order, waited on his Honour, with the Meſſage of the Houſe, in anſwer to which, he was pleaſed to ſay, that he was willing to grant the Requeſt of the Houſe, and they might adjourn accordingly.

Reſolved,
Nemine Contradicente, that Mr. *Speaker* and any three of the Members, be a ſufficient Number to receive Meſſages from the Council, and make all neceſſary Entries, relating thereunto, and to wait on the Preſident, on his giving his Aſſent to the Bills, or either of them, paſſed by this Houſe this Sitting, if he ſhall ſend for the Houſe for that Purpoſe, and in the mean Time to adjourn from Time to Time, as they ſhall ſee Occaſion, but not to enter upon any other Buſineſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* deliver the Bills committed to his Care, to Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Stelle*, and that they, or either of them, deliver the ſaid Bills to the Council when they meet, for their concurrence.

Ordered,
That the Printer ſend the Votes to *Richard Smith*, jun. Eſq; at *Burlington*.

And then the Houſe, according to his Honour's Permiſſion, adjourn'd until *Thurſday* next.

Thurſday, October 23. 1746.

The Houſe met according to adjournment.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that according to the Order of the Houſe, of the 18th Inſtant, he delivered the Bill *for Support of Goverment*, and the Bill, *to make current Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling the Forces*, &c. to the Speaker in Council, this Day, for their concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday

Friday, October 24. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* acquainted the Houſe, that it was his Honours Pleaſure, that the Houſe ſhould adjourn until *Wedneſday* next, and the Houſe adjourned themſelves until *Wedneſday* next accordingly.

Wedneſday, October 29. 1746.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, October 30. 1746.

The Houſe met, and adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 31. 1746.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Kearney*, inform'd the Houſe, that according to the Requeſt of the Members, they had waited on his Honour, and acquainted him, that there are but fifteen of the Members in Town, and no more expected, that by a ſtanding Rule of the Houſe, not leſs than ſixteen are to proceed to Buſineſs, and therefore they prayed his Honour would be pleas'd to give Permiſſion to the Houſe to adjourn to Mr. *Heards*, at *Woodbridge*, who is a Member of this Houſe, and unable to attend here, and from thence to this Place again, which his Honour readily granted.

And the Houſe adjourned to Mr. *Heards*, at *Woodbridge* accordingly.

Sixteen of the Members met at Mr. *Heards*, according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Heard*, one of the Members, being ill and unable to attend the Service of this Houſe at *Perth Amboy*, without whom there are not ſixteen Members, that do now attend, and no more being ſoon expected. It is therefore *Reſolved*, that fifteen Members be a ſufficient Number to proceed upon the Buſineſs of this Houſe, relating to His Majeſty's Service.

And then the Houſe adjourned to meet at *Perth Amboy*, at two of the Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met according to Adjournment, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 1. 1746.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill entitled, *An Act to make current* Eight Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds,

in Bills of Credit, &c. paſſed that Houſe on the 24th Day of *October* laſt, and that they have no further Buſineſs before them.

The Houſe adjourn'd for half an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Preſident, by the deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. *Speaker*,

His Honour requires the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to attend his Honour.

Being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſum'd the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Honour the Preſident, and that he was pleaſed to give his aſſent to the Bill entitled, *An Act to make current* Eight Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling the Forces lately raiſed in* New Jerſey, *on an Expedition againſt* Canada.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Van Middleſworth* do wait upon his Honour, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſires he will pleaſe to give his directions to *Peter Schuyler*, Eſq; Colonel of the Forces raiſed in this Colony, to ſend an Account to his Honour Monthly, of the State of the ſaid Forces, and of the Number of Men remaining in each Company, at the Time of ſending ſuch Account, with the Names of thoſe who ſhall have deſerted the Service, whereby it may be the better known to the Legiſlature what further Proviſion to make for the ſaid Forces, in caſe it ſhould be neceſſary.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and himſelf waited on his Honour with the ſaid Meſſage, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, that he would give directions to Col. *Schuyler* accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Cooper* do wait upon his Honour, and acquaint him, that this Houſe has gone through all the Buſineſs they can conveniently do at this Time, and therefore deſire his Honour will be pleaſed to diſmiſs them.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himſelf waited on his Honour with the ſaid Meſſage, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe preſently.

A Meſſage from the Preſident, by the deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. *Speaker*,

'I am commanded by his Honour to acquaint this Houſe, that it is his 'Pleaſure, this Houſe ſhould adjourn themſelves until the 25th of this 'Inſtant, then to meet at *Perth Amboy*.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd to the 25th Inſtant accordingly.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker*.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY May 4. 1747.

PURSUANT to Adjournments by his Honour the Preſident from Time to Time until this Day, the Houſe met, and there not being a ſufficient Number to proceed upon Buſineſs, adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, May 5, 1747.

The Houſe met, and there not being a ſufficient Number to go upon Buſineſs, adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met, and there being now a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs, according to a Reſolve of this Houſe, of the 31*ſt* of *October* laſt.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait upon his Honour, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are ready to receive any thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

Mr. *Kearney* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf waited on his Honour with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, He would ſend an Anſwer immediately.

A Meſſage from his Honour, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

His Honour has ordered me to acquaint you, that he has ſent Expreſſes for the Council, and expects them here this Evening, and chooſes to defer laying any thing before the Houſe till they meet; but if they ſhould not

attend as expected, he would communicate what he had to lay before the Houſe, To-morrow Morning by Meſſage.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 6. 1747.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Honour, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

HIS Majeſty's Service, and the Safety of the Province, made it neceſſary for me to call you together at this Time, and my own bad State of Health obliges me to meet you at this Place.

The Proviſions ſupplied to the Forces raiſed in this Province, now quartered at *Albany*, have been for ſome Time expended, and the Cloaths that were furniſhed them, with the Money lent the Government, are for the moſt Part worn out, as you will obſerve from Col. *Schuyler*'s Letters to me, which I have ordered to be laid before you.

By an Expreſs from Col. *Schuyler*, which arrived on *Monday* laſt, I have received Information, that the five *Jerſey* Companies have mutinied and taken a Reſolution to go off with their Arms and Baggage, if they do not receive his Majeſty's Pay that was promis'd them at their Enliſtment: I have ordered this Letter to be laid before you, and the two Officers that Col. *Schuyler* has ſent Expreſs on this Occaſion, to attend you, and by them you will find it next to impoſſible to keep thoſe Men longer together without at leaſt ſome part of their Pay.

As the Troops were raiſed in purſuance of his Majeſty's Orders and have been kept together, to wait his further Directions, I muſt recommend it to you to make ſuch Proviſion for the paying, ſubſiſting, and cloathing them as may be neceſſary to keep them in a Readineſs to march whenever his Majeſty ſhall think it for the Intereſt of his Dominions to give Orders for that Purpoſe.

The diſtracted State of the Province occaſioned by the many great Riots, obliges me again to call upon you to take ſome vigorous Meaſures to puniſh thoſe daring Diſturbers of the publick Peace: Theſe People have grown ſtrong and numerous, by paſſing ſo long with Impunity, for beſides thoſe two great Riots at *Newark*, which happened in the late Governor's Life-time, and which were recommended to you by him, there have been ſince ſo many bold and daring attempts made to throw off his Majeſty's Authority, and their Dependance on the Britiſh Throne, that they call loudly for the ſevere Reſentment of the Legiſlature.

Theſe bold People have in a publick Manner denied his Majeſty's Title to *New-Jerſey*, they have refuſed to pay Obedience to his Laws and have publickly contemned his Authority, they have broke open his Goals, beat and abuſed his Officers and Miniſters of Juſtice, turn'd People out of the quiet Poſſeſſions of their Lands, and put others into their Places: They have aſſociated themſelves together in Defiance of the Government, have frequently met in great Numbers, and marched from one Part of the Province to another, inſolently giving out that they are ſo ſtrong and numerous, as not to be afraid of any Force the Government are able to bring againſt them. All the Steps that it was prudent and in the Power of the Government, have been taken to bring the Criminals to Juſtice, and put a Stop to ſo dangerous and growing an Evil, but theſe Meaſures have all proved ineffectual, and have only occaſioned freſh Riots and Contempts of his Majeſty's Authority, in Conſequence of which, the Courſe of common Juſtice has been for ſome Time at a Stand. Theſe Matters are all ſo publickly known that particular Proofs are needleſs, however, I have ordered the ſeveral Letters and Papers relating to thoſe Diſturbances to be laid before you for your peruſal.

I muſt obſerve to you, that it is impoſſible to ſuppoſe *Great-Britain* will part with ſo valuable a Colony as *New-Jerſey*, or that his Majeſty will ſuffer his Authority and Laws to be trampled under Foot in any Part of his Dominions, tho' ever ſo remote from his Royal Perſon, and the Attempt to do it is certainly as vain as it is weak and wicked. If the People of *New-Jerſey* will not be governed by mildeſt of Laws, they themſelves will thereby render it neceſſary to govern them by Force, for we cannot ſuppoſe that a *Britiſh* Parliament will ſuffer theſe Things long to paſs with Impunity.

My Duty to his Majeſty, and my Regard for the Safety of the Province, obliges me to recommend this Matter to your moſt ſerious Conſideration, and as any the leaſt Delay in a Matter of this Importance will be of dangerous Conſequence, I hope you will proceed with the utmoſt Diſpatch in ſuch Meaſures as may be moſt conducive to reſtore the Peace of the Province, and by ſevere Laws prevent the like Diſturbances for the Time to come.

Gentlemen,

You are not unacquainted that the ſeveral Officers of the Government have been without any Salaries or Support for upwards of three Years, which is contrary to his Majeſty's gracious Intentions expreſſed in his Royal Inſtructions. I do therefore recommend it to you, to make ſuch Proviſion for the Support of his Majeſty's Government, as will be adequate to the Purpoſe, and agreeable to his Majeſty's Intentions.

Perth-Amboy, JOHN HAMILTON.
May 6. 1747.

And the ſaid Meſſage was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, with the ſaid Meſſage delivered to the Speaker four Letters from Col. *Schuyler* to his Honour, and one from Governor *Clinton*, to be laid before the Houſe, which Letters were read.

And

And it not appearing by Col. *Schuyler's* Letters, what Number of the Forces rais'd in this Colony, now remain under his Command.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Crane* do wait on his Honour, and acquaint him, that the Houſe deſire to be informed what Accounts Col. *Schuyler* has ſent him of the Number of Men remaining in each Company, purſuant to his Honour's Directions for that Purpoſe, acknowledged to have been received by ſaid Col. *Schuyler*, in his Letter of the 26th, of *February* laſt.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf waited on his Honour with the Meſſage of the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Clerk give Notice to Capt. *John Dagworthy*, Capt. *Henry Leonard*, and Lieut. *Thomas Robinſon*, that the Houſe requires their Attendance purſuant to the Preſident's Order, ſignified by his Meſſage, at Four of the Clock this Afternoon, to give the Houſe Information upon Oath, of what they know of the Number and State of the Forces raiſed in this Colony.

The Houſe adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, by Order of his Honour, laid before the Houſe, an Account of the Number and State of the Forces raiſed in this Colony, with the Names of the Deſerters, as they were on the 9th of *March* laſt, ſent by Col. *Schuyler*, in Obedience to his Honour's Directions.

His Honour's Meſſage was read a ſecond Time, and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the ſaid Meſſage.

And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution that a *further Supply of Proviſions be ſent to the Forces raiſed in this Colony, now at or near* Albany, and deſire leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Kearney*, and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for *a further Supply of Proviſions for the ſaid Forces.*

According to Order, Capt. *Dagworthy*, Capt. *Leonard*, and Lieut. *Robinſon* attended, and the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to receive their Information, and after hearing them, they had leave to withdraw, and Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr.

Mr *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for *a further Supply of Proviſions*, brought in the ſame, which was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Letter from Capt. *James Parker*, one of the Captains of the Forces raiſed in this Colony, directed to Mr. *Speaker*, with an Affidavit inclos'd giving an Account of the Bounty-Money received by him for his Company, were read.

Ordered,
That they remain in the Hands of the Clerk till the Houſe ſhall take thoſe Matters into Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, May 7. 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to make current*, One Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling and providing for the Forces lately raiſed in* New-Jerſey, *on an Expedition againſt* Canada, was read a ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments were made thereto in the Houſe.

Ordered.
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to make current* One Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, for the further victualling and providing for the Forces lately raiſed in* New-Jerſey, *on an Expedition againſt* Canada was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Heard* and Mr. *Crane* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Heard* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Bill to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that Houſe not ſitting.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Honour's Meſſage; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee,

reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution, that an Anſwer to his Honour's Meſſage be prepared and ſent to him: To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, and Mr. *Kearney* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the ſaid Anſwer.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, *May* 8, 1747.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill entitled, *An Act to make current* One Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, for the further victualling and providing for the Forces lately raiſed in* New-Jerſey, *on an Expedition againſt* Canada.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Anſwer to his Honour's Meſſage, reported, that they had prepared the ſame and with leave, he delivered it in at the Table, and it was read and ſome Amendments being made to the ſame, it was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait upon his Honour with the ſaid Anſwer, which is in the following Words, *viz.*

May it pleaſe your Honour,

WHEN your Honour in *June* laſt recommended the forwarding the Expedition againſt *Canada*, it is well known to your Honour, we readily went into ſuch Meaſures, in Compliance with his Majeſty's Pleaſure, ſignified to us by the Duke of *Newcaſtle*'s Letter, then laid before us, that we not only provided Proviſions for Five Hundred Men, raiſed in this Colony, which was all his Majeſty required from the Province, but alſo over and above, gave a Bounty of Six Pounds a Man, to each Man ſo to be Inliſted, to encourage their Inliſtment: And at the ſame Time, we paſſed a Bill for the making current *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, to enable your Honour to Cloath and Arm the ſaid Forces. All of the ſaid Ten Thouſand Pounds we cannot learn is yet expended.

This we beg leave to obſerve to your Honour, is ſuch a Mark of our Zeal for his Majeſty's Intereſt, as we are not informed that any of our neighbouring Provinces have gone into.

At that Time there was nothing mentioned in the Duke of *Newcaſtle*'s Letter, nor by your Honour recommended to us, of paying thoſe Forces, and this Houſe having already exerted themſelves to the utmoſt Ability of the Colony, they are in no Condition of doing it at preſent.

We

We are very ſorry to hear there is ſuch an Uneaſineſs amongſt the Forces, but as we are daily in Expectation of hearing from Home, at which Time we make no Doubt but they will receive their Pay and Cloathing from his Majeſty, agreeable to the Duke of *Newcaſtle*'s Letter above-mentioned, and as that was the Condition on which they Inliſted into this Expedition, and as we have now granted them a third Supply of all neceſſary Proviſions, we hope that they will behave themſelves like reaſonable Men, and return heartily to their Duty in his Majeſty's Service.

As to the Matter of thoſe Riots, lately committed in this Province, and recommended to our Conſideration, it is with great Concern and Abhorrence, we look upon theſe Proceedings, eſteeming them to be of very ill Conſequence, and ſhall willingly do our Duty in joining with the other Branches of the Legiſlature for the making proper Laws for ſuppreſſing ſuch Proceedings, and diſcouraging the like for the future: But as the doing thereof will require great Conſideration, and more Time than we have at preſent, being now only called, as we underſtood, to make ſome further Proviſion for the Forces, which we have chearfully done.

We hope thoſe riotous Proceedings may not be continued, but if they ſhould, at our next Meeting we may have more Time to conſider and tranſact theſe and the other Affairs of this Province, and doubt not but that in the mean Time, your Honour will take all prudent Meaſures to ſtop the Growth of thoſe Proceedings, and do what ſhall be moſt proper and needful until the ſame can be remedied by ſome Act or Acts of this Province.

And with reſpect to the *ſupport of Government*, by your Honour's Meſſage, recommended to our Conſideration, we beg leave to ſay, we have done what is in the Power of this Houſe to do, for that it appears by the *Minutes* of this Houſe, that at our laſt Sitting here on the 23*d* of *October* paſt, a Bill for the Support of this Government, was carried up to the Council, and delivered to the Speaker in Council, for the Council's Concurrence, ſince which this Houſe has not had any Account or Information concerning the ſaid Bill, and therefore they conceive that they have done their Duty in this Reſpect.

And as a Bill has now paſſed this Houſe and the Council, to make current, *One Thouſand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further victualing and providing for the Forces*, &c. The Houſe deſires your Honour's Aſſent to the ſame, and there being no other Buſineſs at preſent before the Houſe they pray your Honour to diſmiſs them.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Stelle*, and himſelf, according to Order, waited on his Honour, with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and read and delivered it to him, and he was pleaſed to ſay, he would diſmiſs the Houſe To-morrow.

Mr.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the Houſe 29 Papers which were delivered him for that Purpoſe by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, after the Houſe adjourn'd this Morning, being the Papers mentioned in the Preſident's Meſſage relating to the Riots.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Papers be left in the Hands of the Clerk of this Houſe, unleſs called for by the Preſident or Commander in chief, until this Houſe ſhall proceed upon that Affair.

The Houſe adjourn'd for half an Hour.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, May 9. 1747.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Preſident by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. *Speaker*,
His Honour requires the Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. *Speaker* accordingly left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Honour, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Honour, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill, entitled,

An Act, to make current One Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, for the further victualling and providing for the Forces lately raiſed in* New-Jerſey, *on an Expedition againſt* Canada.

And that he was alſo pleaſed to give the Houſe leave to adjourn themſelves until *Monday* the Twenty-fifth Inſtant.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd until *Monday* the Twenty-Fifth Inſtant accordingly.

BY *Virtue of an Order of the Houſe I do appoint* William Bradford *of* Philadelphia, *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

V. 28. b.

THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY.

Held at BURLINGTON on *Thurſday* the *Twentieth* of *Auguſt*, 1747.

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VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, Auguſt 20. 1747.

THE General Aſſembly having been adjourn'd from time to time by the late Preſident and Commander in Chief of this Colony, the Hon. JOHN HAMILTON, Eſq; deceaſed, and alſo by the Honourable JOHN READING, Eſq; his Succeſſor, and ſince by His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of *Nova Cæſarea* or *New-Jerſey*, and Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral in the ſame, &c. continued by Adjournments to this Day, Sixteen of the Members met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Cooper* wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that the Houſe are ready to receive any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

Being returned, Mr. *Eatton* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himſelf had perform'd the Order of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. *Speaker*,
" His Excellency requires the Attendance of the Houſe in the Council " Chamber immediately.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency.

Being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair and reported, that the Houſe had attended His Excellency, and that he was pleaſed to make a favourable Speech to both Houſes, of which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid he had obtained a Copy.

Ordered,
That His Excellency's Speech be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

I DO in the firſt Place give Thanks to Almighty GOD, my great and kind Preſerver from the Perils of the Seas, and in a Time of general War, and for my ſafe arrival.

I am ſenſible you muſt have long ſince heard of His Majeſty's Grace and Favour to me in appointing me to the Government of *Nova Cæſarea* or *New-Jerſey*; and I have been impatiently waiting in *England* for the Opportunity of a Paſſage in a Ship of War, and have embraced the firſt bound this Way.

I have publiſhed His Majeſty's Royal Commiſſion at *Perth-Amboy* and at this Place, as has been uſual. And according to my Duty and my Oath to His Majeſty (and renewed here) I ſhall ſtrictly conform myſelf to the Kings Commands, and to the Powers granted me therein, as alſo to the additional Authorities contained in the King's Royal Order to me, and from theſe Things I think you will not deſire me to deviate.

While I was at the head of two conſiderable Provinces in *New-England*, my Adminiſtration was often approved by His Majeſty; and altho' he was pleaſed, for his own wiſe Reaſons, to remove me after having had the Honour of his Royal Commiſſion there upwards of *Eleven* Years, yet I accept, with all Thankfulneſs, his conferring on me the Government of this fine flouriſhing Province, as a repeated publick Teſtimony of His full Satisfaction in my Conduct in the Government of thoſe Provinces.

I am, *Gentlemen*, glad to have this early Opportunity of meeting you in General Aſſembly, tho' it is my Misfortune to be ſo much a Stranger as I am at preſent to your publick Affairs, and to the Circumſtances of this Province; but I promiſe you to devote myſelf to obtain the beſt knowledge I can of them, that I may be the more capable of accompliſhing my own warm Deſires and firm Reſolutions of doing every Thing in my Power that may contribute not only to the general Wellfare of the Province, but my good Wiſhes are extended to the Protection and Eaſe of every Individual among you; and while I ſhall thus Conduct myſelf, I am ſure I ſhall in the beſt Manner do my Duty, and thereby render myſelf acceptable to the beſt of Kings, who always looks upon the Happineſs of His People inſeparably blended with His own Honour and Intereſt.

Gentlemen of the Council,
As His Majeſty has been pleaſed to Honour you with Seats at this Board, and thereby has not only made you a Part of the Legiſlative Power, but Counſellors alſo to His Governor, and to which you have been duly qualified; I ſhall on all Occaſions much eſteem your Advice and Aſſiſtance for my better managing the Affairs of the Government.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

It is more peculiarly your Priviledge and Duty to make the neceſſary Supplies for the Payment of the publick Debts, and for the Support of the Government; I therefore ſhall not doubt of your early and effectual Care in Things that ſo nearly affect His Majeſty's Honour and Service, as well as the Safety and real Intereſt of the People whom you repreſent. And while I am on this Head, not only in Obedience to His Majeſty's Commands, but alſo the better to prevent any future Difficulty, I am to acquaint you, that His Majeſty expects you to ſettle on me, an ample and honourable Salary ſuitable to the Dignity of His Majeſty's Governor. And in this you will conſider, how much what paſſes for Money among you has been depreciating for ſome Years paſt, and will therefore fix the Value of my Salary that I may not ſuffer in time to come. I muſt alſo inform you, that I have been at a great Expence in my Commiſſions, Equipage, and other Charges relating to the Government, of which I ſhall not doubt your reaſonable Conſideration (as has been uſual in His Majeſty's other Governments) and that you will make ſuitable Proviſion for a Houſe to receive me, and I ſhall be glad to pitch upon ſuch a Place for my Reſidence as may beſt conſiſt with His Majeſty's Honour, and with the Eaſe of the People, as well as my own Conveniency, altho' the laſt will have the leaſt Weight with me.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly.

It gives me much Concern to find by the Addreſſes from ſeveral Corporations in my Way from *Perth-Amboy* to this City, that ſome Parts of the Province are in great Confuſion, thro' the audacious Attempts of a Set of ſeditious Perſons, to ſhake off their Allegiance to the King, to trample upon his Laws, and to ſubvert all Rule and Government. If there be any Reaſon for Complaints, it's the incumbent Duty of all People to ſeek Redreſs from the Laws of the Land, and from their Rulers, *and to ſubmit to every Ordinance of Man for the Lord's ſake.* I am ſorry to have this Difficulty to encounter at my firſt coming among you, yet it ſhall not diſcourage me, but, I hope, the Governor, Council, and General Aſſembly will unite as one Man to endeavour to fall into ſuch Meaſures, as, by the Help of GOD, may put an End to the preſent Diſorders, and reſtore laſting Peace and Tranquility to the Government, and to all the People; and then I am ſure the preſent and future Generations will have Reaſon to riſe up *and call us bleſſed.*

Gentlemen,

As it is a buſy Seaſon of the Year, I ſuppoſe you will incline to make this Seſſion ſhort, by going on no other Buſineſs but what you may judge neceſſary to be done at this Juncture. and that you may the ſooner return to your private Affairs, and I ſhall be ready to conform myſelf to your Intereſt and Eaſe in this Matter.

I hope your Deliberations and Debates will at all Times be carried on with ſuch Temper and Moderation as that the whole Legiſlature may form their Reſolutions for eſtabliſhing the Proſperity of this People with a hap-

py Unanimity, which is the beſt Bandage and Strength of a Government. I am ſure nothing will be wanting in me to promote ſuch a beautiful Harmony.

Burlington, Auguſt 20, 1747. J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
That his Excellency's Speech be read a ſecond Time to-morrow Morning.

Reſolved,
That *William Norcroſs* be Door-keeper of this Houſe

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, Auguſt 21*ſt*, 1747.

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond Time and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of *Morris* and *Somerſet* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the evil Practices of many Perſons in aſſembling together in a riotous Manner, and turning People out of their Poſſeſſions by Force, to their great Terror and Fear of their Lives, although the Poſſeſſors are legally intitled to their Lands, and that many of the Petitioners are kept in continual fear of their lives, and of being deprived of their Poſſeſſions, and praying redreſs of thoſe Grievances.

Alſo Mr. Secretary, by His Excellency's Order, laid before the Houſe a Petition from *Daniel Cooper* and others, to his Excellency, to the ſame purpoſe as the foregoing, with Twenty ſeven Affidavits in ſupport of the Facts alledged in ſaid Petitions, and alſo relating to the ſeveral Riots committed in this Colony, in breaking open Goals and otherwiſe, which were read.

And the ſaid Petitions and Papers were referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider His Excellency's Speech and the other Matters to them referred, and after ſometime ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſome Reſolutions, which he was directed to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr.

Mr. *Nevill*, reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as followeth,

Reſolved,
That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that an Humble Addreſs be preſented to His Excellency in Anſwer to his favourable Speech.

Reſolved,
That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that a Committee of the Houſe be appointed to join a Committee of the Council to conſider of Ways and Means for Suppreſſing the Riots and preſent Diſorders in this Colony.

Mr. *Nevill* further reported, that he was directed to move for leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

And the ſaid Reſolutions were Read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,
That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency in anſwer to his favourable Speech.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,
That a Committee of this Houſe be appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to conſider of Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the Riots and preſent Diſorders in this Colony.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Kearny*, and Mr. *Nevill*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an addreſs to his Excellency.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, *Auguſt* 22. 1747.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, *Auguſt* 24. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to conſider, in a free Conference, of Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the Riots and preſent Diſorders in this Colony, and make Report to the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Nevill* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that the late Sergeant at Arms appointed to attend this Houſe

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being Dead, the Houſe deſires His Excellency will be pleaſed to appoint one in his Room.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, preſented the ſame to the Houſe, and it was received and read, and with ſome Amendments was agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Tueſday, Auguſt 25th. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Nevill* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency with the meſſage of the Houſe, deſiring a Sergeant at Arms to be appointed, and on his Excellency's enquiring who the Houſe would recommend to that Office, they inform'd him, that one *Thomas Wetherill*, jun. would be acceptable, upon which his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would order the Secretary to make out a Commiſſion accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brick* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe have appointed Mr. R. *Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Leaming*, to be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to conſider in a free Conference, of Ways and Means for Suppreſſing the Riots and preſent Diſorders in this Colony.

Mr. *Brick* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf waited on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and delivered it to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Spicer* wait on his Excellency and know his Pleaſure when the Houſe may attend him with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, He would let the Houſe know by the Secretary.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. *Speaker*,
I am Commanded by his Excellency to acquaint this Houſe, that he is in the Council Chamber ready to receive their addreſs.

Mr. *Speaker* thereupon left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended his Excellency and preſented their Addreſs in the following words.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of* Nova-Cæsarea *or* New-Jersey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *and Vice Admiral in the Same &c.*

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey *in General Assembly met.* *

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey* now in General Assembly convened, do with the greatest Pleasure embrace this Opportunity of congratulating your Excellency on your safe arrival to this your Government of *New-Jersey*, at a time when you had both the Dangers of the Seas and the Enemy to encounter with; and we join with your Excellency in returning Thanks to almighty God for your Preservation from those Perils.

We had early intelligence of His Majesty's Grace and Favour to your Excellency, and to this Colony, in appointing you Governor of *Nova Cæsarea* or *New-Jersey*; and we have been long impatiently wishing and waiting for your Excellency's safe arrival.

Several of us are Witnesses of your Excellency's Publishing your Commission in the Manner you have been pleased to mention to us. The Conforming your self to the King's Commands, and the Powers granted you therein, are what His Majesty will no doubt expect from you; and we hope we shall have no Reason to desire your Excellency to deviate from the same.

We in the most humble Manner acknowledge His Majesty's Grace and Favour in appointing a Gentleman of your Excellency's great Abilities to govern this Colony, who from your being at the head of two considerable Provinces in *America* for so long a time, must be well experienced in the nature of Government, and from the short acquaintance we have had with your Excellency, we have great Reason to hope your Excellency's Inclinations are equal to your Abilities, and that they will both be employed to make us a flourishing and happy People. We are therefore glad to have this early Opportunity of meeting your Excellency in General Assembly. The kind and publick Manner in which you have declared you will apply your self to obtain the best Knowledge you can of our publick Affairs, that you may be the more capable of accomplishing your *warm Desires* and *firm Resolutions* of doing every thing in your Power, that may contribute to the general Welfare of the Province, and that your good wishes are extended to the Protection and ease of every Individual among us, demand and engage our sincerest Affections and Thanks. Such Assurances from the supreme Ruler and Governor of a Province we hope will have a good influence upon all inferior Officers in this Government, and we think cannot fail of affecting and softening the most obdurate Heart, and induce all those who have offended against the Laws to return with the most humble submission to their Duty: And whilst your Excellency shall in so tender a Manner Conduct

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* For the Address of the Council, see New-Jersey State Papers &c.

' yourſelf towards the People, you will undoubtedly render yourſelf accepta-
' ble to his Majeſty, whoſe Paternal Care over all his Subjects, is ſuch, that
' he looks upon their Happineſs conducive to his own Honour and that it is
' inſeperably blended with his Intereſt.

' As it is our Priviledge, ſo we think it our Duty, to make the neceſſary
' Proviſions for the Payment of the Publick Debts and the Support of the
' Government: We ſhall take what your Excellency hath ſaid to us on that
' head into our ſerious Conſideration, and ſhall, as near as the preſent Circum-
' ſtances of this Colony will admit, comply with his Majeſty's Expectations:
' And in the doing of this, we ſhall always conſider how much what paſſes
' for Money Depreciates ſhould that ever be our unhappy Circumſtance. At
' preſent we can, with equal Truth and Pleaſure, acquaint your Excellency, that
' the Credit of our Paper Money is ſo well eſtabliſhed by the ſeveral Laws
' that gave it Birth, that it is morally impoſſible it ſhould ſink in value. By
' thoſe Laws effectual care is taken, that none ſhall be Emitted but on Land
' Security, and that of double the value at leaſt, and the Title of the Lands
' carefully inſpected by the Loan Officers appointed by Law in the ſeveral
' Counties to let out the Money. And as our Lands are daily riſing in worth
' we cannot conceive it poſſible for any Fund to be of a more fixed and de-
' terminate Value. The Truth of which is happily confirmed to us by up-
' wards of twenty Years Experience.

' When we are on the Bill *for the Support of Government*, we ſhall take
' into our Conſideration what your Excellency is pleaſed to mention to us
' concerning the Expence you have been at relating to the Government: We
' ſhall make ſuitable Proviſions for paying the Rent of a Houſe for your Ex-
' cellency to reſide in, and ſhall leave it to you to judge what Place will beſt
' ſuit and be moſt conſiſtent with His Majeſty's Honour, and with the Eaſe
' of the People and your own Conveniency.

' We are really ſorry and much concerned, that there ſhould be in this
' Colony a ſet of ſuch raſh and inconſiderate Perſons, who by trampling on
' the Laws have ſet the Government at Defiance, not conſidering that unde-
' niable Truth and juſt Obſervation of your Excellency, *that if there be any*
' *Cauſe for Complaints, it is the incumbent Duty of all People to ſeek redreſs*
' *from the Laws of the Land.* We are equally ſorry your Excellency ſhould
' have this Difficulty to encounter with at your firſt coming amongſt us; but
' we do aſſure your Excellency, we, on our Part, are ready to join with the
' other Branches of the Legiſlature that we may, as one Man, endeavour to
' fall on ſuch Meaſures as may put an End to the preſent Diſorders, and re-
' ſtore laſting Peace to the Government, and Happineſs to the People: And
' to that End we have appointed a Committee of our Houſe to join a Com-
' mittee of the Council to conſider of Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing thoſe
' Riots and preſent Diſorders in this Colony.

' The buſy Seaſon of the Year will make it acceptable to us to be ad-
' journ'd for ſome time, that we may order our private Affairs ſo as to
' attend the publick Buſineſs with leſs Detriment to our own; and thereby
' your Excellency may have ſome time of Eaſe from the fatigues which ſo

' long

‘ long a Voyage at Sea, and a Journey from *Perth-Amboy* to this Place muſt Occaſion, the better to acquaint your ſelf with the Circumſtances of this Colony.

‘ We hope our Cnduct at all times will be ſuch, as to ſatisfie your Excel-
‘ lency, that all our Deliberations and Debates are influenced by a Temper
‘ and Moderation becoming the Repreſentatives of this Colony: And we
‘ ſhall always endeavour that a happy Unanimity (which is certainly the
‘ beſt Bandage and Strength of a Government) may be eſtabliſhed in the
‘ whole Legiſlature. And we return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for
‘ the Aſſurance you are pleaſed to give us, that nothing ſhall be wanting in
‘ you to promote ſuch a beautiful Harmony.

Divers of the Members of the Houſe being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exceptions to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

To which His Excellency was pleaſed to make this Anſwer.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.

I Take in the moſt grateful Manner this handſome Addreſs in anſwer to what I ſaid to you at the opening of this Seſſion, and which I find is ſo much to your Satisfaction as leaves me nothing more to add, than that from it to hope the true Weal of the People of this Province will be your conſtant care, and that I again wiſh the whole Legiſlature may have the pleaſure of carrying their Deliberations from time to time into Execution with all poſſible Unanimity

J. BELCHER.

Then Mr. *Speaker* informed the Members, that His Excellency had been pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the 15th Day of next Month, and then he would continue the Adjournments from three Weeks to three Weeks (unleſs ſome Caſe of Emergency ſhould happen, of which the Members ſhould have Notice) until the 17th Day of *November* next, at which Time he expected them to meet here to go upon Buſineſs without any further Notice.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia, *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, November 17. 1747.

THE Houſe met at *Burlington* according to His Excellency's Adjournment, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, November 18. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Cooper*, do wait on His Excellency and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of the Members are met to proceed upon Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 19. 1747.

The Houſe met

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr *Cooper* and himſelf, waited on His Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, as ſoon as the Council met he would ſend to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary.*

Mr. *Speaker.*

His Excellency has ordered me to acquaint you, that he is in the Council Chamber and requires the attendance of the Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended His Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and Aſſembly, of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech be read, which was done, and it was ordered to be read a Second time to-morrow Morning. And the ſame is as followeth.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly,

I Met you ſoon after my Arrival, agreeable to an Adjournment made by Mr. Preſident READING; at which Time I found you were not inclined to enter upon Buſineſs, it being ſo buſy a Seaſon in your domeſtick Affairs: Thoſe I hope are well over, that you may proceed with Eaſe and Alacrity in the Affairs of the Province, in which hardly any Thing has been done by the Legiſlature for ſome Years paſt, and they therefore now demand your diligent and cloſeſt Attention,

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

I have lately received a Letter from Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES, wherein they write, His Majeſty had laid aſide the late intended Expedition againſt *Canada* for the preſent, and they alſo ſend me an Extract of a Letter from His Grace the DUKE of *New-Caſtle* to Governor SHIRLEY, a Paragraph whereof the Secretary ſhall give you, and in which you will find it is expected, you make Proviſion for the preſent Payment of the Men raiſed in this Province, to be re-imburs'd when this Matter ſhall be provided for by the Parliament of *Great-Britain.* And as this Expedition was intended principally for the better Protection and Defence of His Majeſty's North American Colonies, the KING the more reaſonably hopes for your Compliance herewith, and which muſt recommend you to His Majeſty's Grace and Favour: And I deſire you will give this Thing a ſpeedy Conſideration, becauſe Orders have been gone ſome Days ſince to *Albany*, by the Colonel of the Regiment rais'd in this Province, for the Diſmiſſing of the Officers and Men.

Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES have alſo wrote to me for an Account of the Cloathing, Arms, *&c.* ſupplied by this Government to His Majeſty's Troops raiſed in this Province; upon which, I directed the Commiſſioners employed in that Buſineſs, to come hither and adjuſt that Account, which is accordingly done, and ſent to thoſe Gentlemen, to be by them tranſmitted to his Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, in order to be laid before the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, for a Re-imburſement.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly,

Since our laſt Meeting I have received ſundry Complaints from Numbers of Perſons, who ſay they are unjuſtly diſturbed in the Poſſeſſion of their Land

Land, and in anſwer to the Petitioners, or Complainants, I have ordered the Secretary to lay their Papers before you, that you may be the better able to judge how far the Controverſies they mention, may properly lie before the Legiſlature; and this Affair, I am afraid, you will find attended with Intricacy and Difficulties. Before the laſt Adjournment of this Court, I find by the Minutes of the Council and of the Aſſembly, there were a Number of Gentlemen, from each Houſe, appointed to examine into the Matter of the Riots and Diſorders committed in ſome Parts of the Province, to which Affair I ſuppoſe theſe Papers may be related: And ſince the Committee then appointed have not yet acted, I wiſh both Houſes would ſo far Re-conſider the Matter as to make out a Committee of Gentlemen, the moſt diſintereſted (and ſo impartial) in this difficult Affair, and then to ſit upon it *De Die in Diem*, till they ſhall be able to report what may be proper to be done by the Legiſlature to bring to an End the Diſorders and Confuſions that have ſo long ſubſiſted in the Province; and if the Laws are yet deficient, that they may be ſtrengthened, the better to bring to condign Puniſhment the Authors and Abettors of thoſe Outrages, that have been attempted on the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of their fellow-Subjects, to the Diſhonour of GOD, in high Contempt of the King's Authority, and of the good and wholeſome Laws of this Province. As it well becomes Rulers to encourage and ſupport them that do well, ſo it is their indiſpenſable Duty to be a Terror to Evil-doers. I am perſuaded, *Gentlemen*, that to keep this Matter at a Diſtance, or as the trite Saying is, *to put far off the Evil Day*, cannot conſiſt with the Ends of good Government, No: Aſſaults and Batteries, breaking open the King's Goals, and delivering Priſoners there committed by Vertue of the Laws, muſt ſoon bring Things to this Queſtion, Whether His Majeſty's Authority ſhall be ſupported in His Province of *New-Jerſey?* Or, whether a Number of Rioters ſhall take the Government into their own Hands? If any Perſons think themſelves hardly treated as to any Lands they poſſeſs, their Recourſe muſt be to the Laws, and having gone through the whole Courſe of the Law here and yet unſatisfied, they have a dernier Reſort to His Majeſty in Council, where they will find freedom of Acceſs, their Caſe heard with great Patience, and finally clos'd according to the ſtricteſt Rules of Reaſon, Law, and Equity: For the King always delights in the Happineſs of his Subjects, and eſteems Righteouſneſs the greateſt ſtability of his Throne.

I am, *Gentlemen*, in the next Place to acquaint you, that I have lately received from one Mr. *Hopkins*, a Magiſtrate in *Rhode-Iſland* Government, a Number of Counterfeited Bills of this Province, which Mr. *Secretary* ſhall deliver you. We are obliged to this Gentleman for his good Care, and from this and other Informations of the like kind, I have reaſon to believe, there is a Knot or Combination of villainous Perſons that are making a Trade of forging the Bills of this Province, and this Matter well deſerves your ſpeedy Care and ſtrict Inquiry, as it ſtrikes at the very vitals of your Currency, and ſo muſt nearly affect not only your Commerce, but your other Eſtates alſo.

The Honourable Mr. PALMER, Preſident of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, has lately complained to me, of the Neceſſity of putting the Pilots of

Delaware

Delaware River under a better Regulation, for the greater Safety and Protection of the Trade. His Letter and the Papers referring thereto, ſhall be laid before you; and when we conſider how greatly our Neighbours and we have ſuffered by Informations the Enemy have got from our own Pilots, I hope it may produce from us ſome wholeſome Law, to put an End to ſuch villainous Practices for the Future, and to which no Aſſiſtance ſhall be wanting on my Part.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

Altho' I mentioned to you before the laſt Adjournment, the neceſſary Care incumbent on you *for the Payment of the publick Debts, and for the Support of Government*, yet as you ſeemed very deſirous to be quickly diſmiſs'd to your private Affairs, nothing was done in that material Affair. I have therefore, the more Reaſon to expect you will early, and in earneſt ſet yourſelves about it. For as Money is called the Sinews of War, ſo it may in a great Meaſure be called the Strength of Government, and ſince it is in our Power, it is a Duty we owe to our People, to prevent the Cry of Injuſtice or Oppreſſion, by paying the Officers of the Government, and all others their juſt Dues without unreaſonable Delays.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly,

The Things I have now laid before you are what occur to me at preſent for advancing His Majeſty's Honour and Service, and for promoting the Welfare and Proſperity of the People under my Care; and as any Thing further neceſſary to the publick Good may offer, I ſhall communicate it to you, and ſhall with great Pleaſure receive from you ſuch Things as you ſhall judge may contribute to the ſame good Ends. As I have no Eſtate or Property in the Province, I do aſſure you, I have no ſiniſter or private Views to purſue, but my great Care and Study ſhall be, to bring *New-Jerſey* into a more flouriſhing State, and that ſhe may not be the leaſt among the King's Provinces: And to ſtrengthen my Heart and Hands in this Purpoſe, I ſhall always be glad of your Aſſiſtance; and what will make my Adminiſtration eaſy and pleaſant to myſelf and happy for the Province, will be, to find a ſteady Harmony ſubſiſting between the two Houſes, ſo ſhall we as one Man build up the publick Weal of this People.

Burlington,
November 19, 1747.

J. BELCHER.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 20, 1747.

The Houſe met.

According to Order His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond Time, and referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,

That a Committee of Grievances do ſit every *Wedneſday* during this Seſſion, if there be Occaſion.

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Reſolved,
That the ſaid Committee be a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Mott*, be a Committee to inſpect the Laws of this Colony, and make Report to the Houſe what Laws are expired, or near expiring by their own Limitation.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Demareſt*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for Support of Government, and paying the publick Debts of the Province.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Spicer* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for aſcertaining the Fees to be taken by the ſeveral Officers in the Colony of* New-Jerſey.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Brick*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony, to give Security, take the Oaths, or Affirmations therein directed, for the due Diſcharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long Continuance therein.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *D. Smith*, Mr. *Van Buſkirk*, and Mr. *Hopkins* be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill *to prevent ſmall Cauſes being brought in the Supream Court.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Van Buſkirk*, Mr. *Wright*, and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds, in Bills of Credit.*

Ordered,
That the Treaſurers of this Colony lay their Accounts before the Houſe on or before *Monday* the ſeventh of next Month, and that the Clerk ſerve them with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered,
That the Commiſſioners for victualling the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony for his Majeſty's Service, do alſo lay their Accounts before the Houſe on the Day aboveſaid.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of the Freeholders, Inhabitants of the Southern Part of the

 County

County of *Salem*, praying a Bill paſſed by the Houſe of Aſſembly in the Year 1733, for the Diviſion of the ſaid County may be revived, was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider His Excellency's Speech and the other Matters to them referred, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſire leave to ſit again.

To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, November 21. 1747.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

By Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia, *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, November 23. 1747.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, November 24. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Eatton*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for ſupport of Government and paying the Publick Debts of the Province*, reported, that they had prepared the ſame, which he preſented to the Houſe, and it was received and read the firſt time, and Ordered a ſecond reading.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Secretary* in the following Words.

Ordered,

That Mr. Secretary do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, a Copy of the Liſt made by this Houſe, of the Papers which His Excellency referred to in his Speech, and which have been laid before this Houſe, amounting to forty one in Number, and to lay before the Aſſembly the Papers Numbered 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, and to requeſt the Aſſembly, to cauſe Copies thereof to be made for this Houſe, and to acquaint them, that this Houſe have directed Copies of the remaining Numbers to be made with all ſpeed for the uſe of the Aſſembly, which Copies to be mutually compared and exchanged when ready, and to requeſt alſo of the Aſſembly, that they would cauſe Copies to be alſo made, for the uſe of this Houſe, of the Papers which were ſent to that Houſe by His Excellency in *Auguſt* laſt, con-

cerning the Riots, and a Liſt with Copies of what Papers are now laid before that Houſe by His Excellency.

And Mr. Secretary delivered the ſaid Copy of the Liſt and the Papers Numbered as in the ſaid Meſſage in at the Table, and then withdrew.

Mr. Secretary brought from the Council, by their order, the Anſwer of Mr. *Samuel Nevill*, to *Dallius Hageman* and *Thomas Clawſon's* Petitions, (which His Excellency had laid before that Houſe) and requeſted a Copy of the ſame, when the Copies of the other Papers are ready to be delivered.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met

Mr. Secretary, by His Excellency's Order, laid before the Houſe, a Letter delivered by Mr. *Nevill* to His Excellency at the ſame time with the above Anſwer to the Petitions of *Hageman* and *Clawſon*.

The ſeveral Papers brought from the Council in the Morning and that ſent by His Excellency this Afternoon, were read.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security*, &c. had prepared the ſame. And it was received and read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, November 25. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws of this Colony, reported, that the Committee find an Act entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*, will expire at the end of this Seſſion by its own Limitation.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill *for the further Continuance of the ſaid Act*.

A Petition of ſundry principal Inhabitants, Freeholders of the City and County of *Burlington*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the Inconveniency of the Road from *Burlington* to *Cooper's-Ferry*, as it now goes, and that the ſame might be remedied by another Road in a more direct Line, and praying relief therein.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Nevill*, do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe having conſidered their Meſſage of Yeſterday, are of Opinion, that there will be no Neceſſity of copying the Papers mentioned in the Liſt ſent with the ſaid Meſſage, or any other publick Papers, ſeeing whatever Papers, whether Originals or others, which have been or ſhall be laid before this Houſe, which the Council ſhall at any Time deſire, according to the former Practice of both Houſes, may be delivered them.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition of *Richard Borden* and *Jonathan Borden*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of *Joſeph Roſe*, Attorney at Law, for unjuſt Vexation in Suits on a Bond purchaſed by ſaid *Roſe*, and taking exorbitant Fees, and praying Redreſs.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for the further Continuance of the Act for the better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. reported, That they had prepared the ſame, and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, *to prevent ſmall Cauſes being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, reported, That they had prepared a Draught of the ſaid Bill, and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Kearney*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Crane*, for leave to bring in a Bill, *to repeal part of the Act for preſerving of Timber*, &c. which was granted.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Low*, for leave to bring in a Bill, *to repeal the Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum*, &c. which was alſo granted.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 26. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for making current*

current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit, reported, that the Committee had prepared a Draught of the ſame. And it was received and read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, in the following Words:

" Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.

" *COLONEL Peter Schuyler has given me an Account of Pro-*
" *viſions he has ſupplied to the Troops lately raiſed in this Province,*
" *which I have directed Mr.* Secretary *to deliver you, and I ſhall not doubt your*
" *Care for the Payment of the ſaid Account*

Burlington,
November 26, 1747. J. BELCHER.

And Mr. *Secretary* laid the ſaid Account on the Table.

Mr. *Low* alſo laid before the Houſe an Account of Charges for Carting and Storage of the Proviſions for the Forces, Signed by *Philip Schuyler*.

And the ſaid Accounts were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition of the Juſtices of *Bergen-County* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that the *Act which impowers Juſtices to raiſe Money for paying for Negroes executed for Crimes*, may be amended.

Ordered,
That ſaid Petition be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for aſcertaining the Fees*, &c. reported, that they had prepared a Draught of the ſame, and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Nevill*, and Mr. *Stelle* Repreſentatives of the City of *Perth Amboy*, prayed leave to bring in a Bill, *to enable the Citizens and Inhabitants of the ſaid City to build a Poor-Houſe and Work-Houſe within the ſame.*

Ordered,
That they have leave accordingly.

Mr. *Demareſt* with leave brought in a Bill, *for the better laying out, regulating, and preſerving publick Roads and Highways throughout this Colony:* Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Low* purſuant to leave given him, brought in a Bill to repeal an Act, en-

entitled, *An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum*, &c. And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition for dividing *Salem-County*, was read a ſecond Time. And a Motion being made by Mr. *Brick* for leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, it was granted.

The Petition, *for laying out another Road in a more direct Line from* Burlington *to* Cooper's Ferry, was read a ſecond Time. And a Motion being made by Mr. *R. Smith*, for leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, it was granted.

The Houſe being informed, that *Arthur Borrowdel*, *Joſhua Biſpham*, and others have ſome Objections to paſſing ſuch Bill.

Ordered,
That the Clerk give Notice thereof to the ſaid *Arthur Borrowdel*, and *Joſhua Biſpham*, that they and all others concerned, may make their Objections if any they have, againſt paſſing ſuch Bill, on the 4th Day of the next Month.

The Bill, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. was read a ſecond Time and committed to Mr. *Kearny*, and Mr. *Mott*.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, *November* 27. 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, *for Support of Government*, was read a ſecond Time and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, *to prevent ſmall Cauſes being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment made to the Title thereof in the Houſe, being now entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony.*

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee, to whom the Bill, *to continue the Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. was committed, reported the ſaid Bill with one Amendment, which was read in its place and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr. *Crane*, purſuant to leave given him, brought in a Bill *to repeal Part of the Act for preſerving of Timber*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Brick*, according to leave given him, brought in a Bill *for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of* Salem *into a County*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Kearney*, be a Committee to inſpect all the Laws paſſed in this Colony, together with the Minutes and other Papers which they can procure, whereby they can get any Information concerning what Laws are now in Force, and make report thereof to the Houſe, together with what Laws are expired, repealed, or diſallowed of by the Crown, in order that the Laws in Force may be reviſed, corrected, and Re-printed.

The Houſe adjourned till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Secretary*, in the following Words.

Ordered,
" That Mr. *Secretary* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Papers N° 1, " 3, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, " 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41. with the Copies thereof which " have been examined by this Houſe, that the Houſe of Aſſembly may alſo " examine the ſame, in order that both Houſes may have them under " Conſideration at the ſame Time: And that he requeſt of the Houſe of " Aſſembly, the Papers which were laid before that Houſe by His Excel- " lency in *Auguſt* laſt, for the Conſideration of this Houſe.

And Mr. *Secretary* laid the ſaid Papers on the Table.

It being Repreſented to the Houſe, that the time for *Arthur Borrowdel*, *Joſhua Biſpham*, and others, to make their Objections againſt paſſing a Bill *for laying out another Road in a more direct Line from* Burlington *to* Cooper's Ferry, is too ſhort:

Ordered,
That it be prolonged for a Week.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *John Reading*, Mr. *Alexander*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Chief Juſtice*, Mr. *Hude*, Mr. *Coxe*, and Mr. *Kemble*, to be a Committee, to join a Committee of this Houſe, to conſider, in a free Conference, of Ways and Means for Suppreſſing the Riots and preſent Diſorders in this Colony; and that they meet for that purpoſe on *Monday* next at five in the

the afternoon, at the Houſe of the Widow *Hunloke* in this City, and continue to meet *De Die in Diem*, at that Place and Hour.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Emley*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf waited on the Council and delivered the ſaid Bills with the Meſſage of the Houſe to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 28. 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Papers laid before the Houſe Yeſterday by Mr. *Secretary* were read, and referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer* do carry to the Council the Papers which were laid before this Houſe by His Excellency in *Auguſt* laſt with a Liſt thereof, according to the requeſt of that Houſe ſignified in their Meſſage of Yeſterday.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford*, of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, November 30. 1747.

The Houſe met.

MR. *Heard* prayed leave to bring in a Bill, *for the better promoting the Manufacture of the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *and for the encouragement of Trade, Skip-Building and Navigation, within the ſaid Colony*, which was granted.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, he had delivered the Meſſage with the Papers entruſted to him, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that Houſe not Sitting.

This being the Day appointed by the Council for the Committees of both Houſes to meet on the Free Conference.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the Papers ſent by them to this Houſe on *Friday* laſt, have been read and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Saturday* laſt, and the ſaid Committee not having had time to conſider the ſame, this Houſe are of Opinion, it will be proper to defer the Meeting of the ſaid Committees until the ſaid Papers have been further conſidered, of which Notice ſhall be given to that Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the Houſe, a Letter he had received from Dame *Iſabella Morris*, Relict of His late Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Eſq; Governor of this Colony, deceaſed, requeſting that Means may be uſed for

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the Payment of the Salary in Arrears due to the ſaid late Governor for the time he adminiſtred the Government without Support; as alſo the Money, ſhe hath ſince his Death paid for Houſe-Rent during that time.

And the ſaid Letter was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Bill *for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of* Salem *into a County* &c. was read the ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Brick*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Leaming*.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, December 1. 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe Reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill *for making current Forty thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *R. Smith*, Chairman, of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred and deſired leave to ſit again, to which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Kearny* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf, waited on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe and delivered it to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for making current Forty thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *R. Smith*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Trenton*, *Hopewell*, *Maidenhead*, and *Nottingham*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, ſundry Grievances they apprehend they lie under by means of a Charter whereby they were Incorporated and called by the Name of the *Borrough of Trenton*, and praying ſuch relief therein as the Houſe ſhall think expedient.

Ordered,
That ſaid Petition have a ſecond reading.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Secretary*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council having Occaſion to conſider the Papers ſent to this Houſe on *Friday* laſt, requeſt that they may be returned to that Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Clerk of this Houſe deliver the ſaid Papers to the Clerk of the Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, December 2. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* prayed leave to bring in a Bill, *for the better preventing the Loſs of ſtray Horſes, Cattle, and Sheep*, &c. which was granted.

The Houſe having received Information from the Members of *Hunterdon-County*, that the Bills of Credit paid unto the Loan-Office of ſaid County this Year, remain uncancell'd, and that *Joſeph Yard*, one of the Loan-Officers was in Town, he was directed to attend, and attended accordingly, and being examined, informed the Houſe, that he, with the other Loan-Officer, and a Majority of the Freeholders choſen for ſaid County, on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May* laſt, met together according to Law, in order to cancel the Bills of Credit, paid into the ſaid Loan-Office, but that not one of the Juſtices of ſaid County attended, by which Means the ſaid Bills remain uncancelled.

Ordered,
That the *Secretary* lay before the Houſe this Afternoon, a Liſt of the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Hunterdon*, who are qualified to act in that Station, and that the Clerk ſerve him with a Copy of this Order.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, *Hopewell*, *Maidenhead*, and *Nottingham*, was read a ſecond Time and referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and according to the Order of the Day, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Grievances of the Colony, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Reſolution, *viz.*

Reſolved,
That the Sergeant at Arms give Notice to the chief Burgeſs, or any other Burgeſs of the Borough of *Trenton*, that a Petition has been preſented to the Houſe, ſetting forth ſundry Grievances the Petitioners apprehend they lie under by Means of the Charter of Incorporation of the ſaid Borough, and that this Committee will conſider the ſaid Grievances on the 16*th* Inſtant, when any Perſon concerned may be heard concerning the ſame: And that the Clerk in the mean Time give Copies of the ſaid Petition if deſired.

Reſolved,

Reſolved,
That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution and its ordered accordingly.

The *Secretary*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Liſt of the Juſtices of the County of *Hunterdon*.

Ordered,
That the Sergeant at Arms attending this Houſe, do by this Day-Week give Notice to *Iſaac Herring*, *Martin Ryerſon*, *Alexander Lockhart*, *Theophilus Philips*, *Jaſper Smith*, *John Vanſickland*, *Philip Ringo*, *Charles Clark*, *John Philips*, *Nathaniel Ireſh*, *Ralph Hart*, *Samuel Stout*, *Cornelius Ringo*, *Nicholas Wycoff*, *Benjamin Rounſival*, *Ralph Smith*, *Samuel Johnſon*, *Thomas Ketchin*, and *Edward Rockhill*, Eſqrs. Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Hunterdon*, that they attend this Houſe on the 16*th* Inſtant, to ſhew Cauſe why they did not meet the Freeholders (choſen for ſaid County) on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May* laſt, to aſſiſt in cancelling the Bills of Credit, as the Law directs.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill, *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *R. Smith* reported, That the Committee had gone through the ſaid Bill and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he was directed to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered,
That the Report be made To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, *December* 3. 1747.

The Houſe met

Mr. *R. Smith*, according to Order, reported the Amendments to the Bill, *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, which were read in their Places and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met and reſumed the Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill aboveſaid; and the ſaid Amendments were again read in their Places and on the Queſtion, were agreed to by the Houſe, and ſome other Amendments made to the ſaid Bill in the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr.

Mr. *R. Smith* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the ſeveral Counties*, reported, That they had prepared a Draught of ſaid Bill, and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee to whom the Bill *for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of* Salem *into a ſeparate County* was committed, reported the ſaid Bill, with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe, and ſome other Amendments made to the Bill in the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, December 4, 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Petition of the Juſtices of *Bergen-County*, praying ſome Amendment may be made to the Act *for regulating Slaves*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Demareſt*, and Mr. *Cooke* be a Committee to inſpect the ſaid Act, and if the ſaid Committee ſhall find any Defect in the ſame, then to bring in a Supplementary Bill for amending thereof.

The Letter from Dame *Iſabella Morris* was read a ſecond Time and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill *for ſupport of Government*, and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Secretary* delivered to the Houſe from the Council, the Papers received from the Clerk of this Houſe on *Wedneſday* the 2*d* Inſtant.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill *for ſupport of Government*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Committee being acquainted that a Meſſage from the Council waited at the Door, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, which was read, and is as follows.

" The Houſe taking into their Conſideration, the preſent dangerous State " of the Province, and the abſolute Neceſſity of ſpeedy Meaſures to enforce " the Laws and ſupport His Majeſty's Authority, and being willing to " do all in their Power to contribute to thoſe good Purpoſes; Do order, that

" the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Aſſembly, to conſider " of Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the Riots and preſent Diſturbances, " do meet for that Purpoſe at the Widow *Hunloke's*, at five o'Clock this " Afternoon, and that Mr. *Leonard* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly " therewith, and do requeſt of them, that their Committee may attend at " the Time and Place appointed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, in Anſwer to their Meſſage by Mr. *Leonard*, received about three o'Clock this Afternoon, that this Houſe having received the Papers ſent from this Houſe to the Council at their requeſt on *Tueſday* laſt, except N° 32, about 11 o'Clock this Morning when they were cloſely engaged on the Bill, *for ſupport of Government*, they have not had time to enter into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider thoſe Papers, to which they were referred; but that as ſoon as the Houſe have gone through the Bill, *for ſupport of Government*, they will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe on this Affair as recommended in His Excellency's Speech, and when the ſaid Committee have reported thereon, the Council ſhall be informed thereof, that the Committees of both Houſes in the free Conference may proceed without delay.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed to the Bill *for Support of Government*: After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf, waited on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, December 5. 1747.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill, *for Support of Government*: After ſome time ſpent therein Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting the Southern parts of the County of* Salem *in* New-Jerſey *into a ſeperate County, and aſcertaining the Boundaries of the ſeveral Precincts therein*, was read and compared and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

The ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Brick* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Brick*, and Mr. *Leaming*, had leave to be abſent until *Tueſday* next on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, December 7. 1747.

THE Houſe met, and there not being a ſufficient Number to proceed to Buſineſs, adjourned till To-morrow morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, December 8. 1747.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit,* was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

For the Affirmative.		For the Negative.
Mr. *Nevill,*	Mr. *D. Smith,*	Mr. *Van Middleſworth,*
Mr. *Heard,*	Mr. *Cooke,*	Mr. *Fiſher,*
Mr. *Eatton,*	Mr. *Wright,*	Mr. *Van Buſkirk,*
Mr. *Crane,*	Mr. *Hopkins,*	
Mr. *Low,*	Mr. *Mott,*	
Mr. *Demareſt,*	Mr. *Emley,*	
Mr. *R. Smith.*		

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Hopkins*, do carry the ſame to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

The Bill *for the better laying out, regulating and preſerving publick Roads*, &c. was read a ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Fiſher*.

A Petition of *Anne Kirby*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying the Houſe to take into Conſideration a Petition of the Executors of *Richard Kirby*, preſented to a late Houſe of Repreſentatives on the 23d, *October* 1744.

And the ſaid Petition referred to, was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the ſeveral Counties*, &c. was read a ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Heard*, Mr. *Demareſt*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Van Buſkirk*.

The Bill, *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give ſecurity*, &c. was read a ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Mott*.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, December 9. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *R. Smith*, with leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill *for the more impartial chooſing of Petit Jurors in the Colony of New-Jerſey*, which was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf, according to order, delivered the Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, to the *Speaker* in Council and deſired their Concurrence.

Andrew Johnſton, Eſq; one of the Treaſurers of this Colony, laid his Accounts before the Houſe, and they were ordered to lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Sergeant at Arms attending was called in, and informed the Houſe, that according to order he had given Notice to *Andrew Reed* and *David Martin*, Eſqrs. two of the Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Trenton*, of the Reſolve of this Houſe of the 2d Inſtant, and had alſo given Notice of the Order of the ſecond Inſtant to the Juſtices of *Hunterdon*, therein mentioned.

A Meſſage from His Excellency in Council in the following Words.

Ordered,
" *That the Secretary do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly a Letter from* David " Martin, *Eſq*; *Sheriff of* Hunterdon, *dated* December 6. 1747. *and at the* " *ſame Time inform the Houſe, that His Excellency and this Board, have ordered* " *Affidavits of the Facts contained in the ſaid Letter to be taken, which will be* " *alſo laid before them.*"

And Mr. *Secretary* laid the ſaid Letter on the Table, and alſo N° 32 of the Papers ſent from the Council on *Friday* laſt.

And the ſaid Letter was read, and referred to be conſidered by a Committee of the whole Houſe, when they ſhall have the other Papers referred to them on the 28th of the laſt Month under Conſideration.

Mr. *Eatton*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to give Security*, &c. was committed, reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, December 10, 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher*, (according to leave) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act, the better to prevent ſtray Cattle, Horſes and Sheep, from being loſt*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, *for the more impartial chooſing of Petit Jurors in the Colony of* New-Jerſey, was read a ſecond Time and committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Cooke*.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to give Security, take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed, for the due Diſcharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long Continuance therein*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the ſame to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himſelf, according to Order, delivered the Bill, *for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of* Salem *in* New-Jerſey *into a ſeparate County*, &c. to the *Speaker* in Council.

Mr. *Secretary* brought from the Council, by Order of that Houſe, ſeveral Papers numbered 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47. which His Excellency had laid before them.

Ordered,
That ſaid Papers be read To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill, *for ſupport of Government*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Houſe being informed a Councellor deſired admittance, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, which was read and is in the Words following.

'This Houſe having received Information upon which they can depend, 'that a Number of Evil-minded Men did on *Friday* the 4th Inſtant, aſſem-'ble themſelves in an unlawful Manner in the Town of *Trenton*, and then 'in open Defiance of the Law, and Contempt of His Majeſty's Authority, 'did break open His Majeſty's Goal for the County of *Hunterdon*, and forci-'bly take from thence one *David Brealy*, who ſtood committed upon a 'Proceſs iſſued out of the *Supream Court* of this Province, at the Suit of the 'King, upon an Indictment for High Treaſon, in levying War againſt our 'Sovereign Lord the King, tho' they knew that the ſaid *Brealy* was In-'dicted and ſtood Committed for High Treaſon.

'And this Houſe having alſo received Information, that the Perſons ſo 'aſſembled at *Trenton*, for the Treaſonable Purpoſe aforeſaid, did then give 'out certain threatning Expreſſions of their Intentions of coming to this 'Town in a great Body, in order to apply to the Governor and Aſſembly, 'and to prevent their being apprehended by the Officers of the Govern-'ment for any of the Crimes they had committed.

'And this Houſe taking the ſaid Information into their Conſideration, and 'weighing the many dangerous Conſequences that may attend ſuch a bold 'and daring Inſult upon the Legiſlature now ſitting, and that from the paſt 'Conduct of the deſparate People concerned in ſupporting and perpetrating 'the many great Riots and treaſonable Inſurrections that have been com-'mitted in this Province, there is too much Reaſon to expect they will carry 'into Execution their Threats of coming to this Town in a Body.

'And

' And as His Majeſty's Authority, and the Laws of the Community are ' openly ſlighted and abuſed by ſuch repeated Inſurrections, and as ſuch an ' Inſult upon the Legiſlature will be of moſt dangerous and pernicious Ex- ' ample, and Occaſion the greateſt Confuſion in the Province.

' This Houſe are therefore of Opinion, that the moſt effectual Meaſures ' ſhould immediately be concerted, in Order to prevent the Execution of ' any ſuch traiterous Deſigns againſt his Majeſty's Authority, the Freedom ' of the Legiſlature, or the Peace and Safety of the Province, and in order ' to ſtrengthen the Hands of the Government ſo as to enable them to bring ' to Tryal and Puniſhment thoſe Perſons who have been daring enough to ' act in ſuch open Violation of the Laws of the Country.

' Whereupon it is agreed, that a Conference be deſired of the Houſe of ' Aſſembly upon the Subject Matter aforeſaid. And it is Ordered, that ' Mr. *Kemble* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt a Conference ' accordingly, and (to prevent Delay in a Matter of ſo great and immediate ' Conſequence) acquaint them, that this Houſe have appointed Mr. *Chief* ' *Juſtice*, Mr. *Coxe* and Mr. *Johnſon*, to be a Committee to confer with ſuch ' Committee as the Houſe of Aſſembly ſhall appoint on the ſaid Subject- ' Matter, and that the Committees do meet for that Purpoſe at the Widow ' *Hunloke's*, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.'

The Houſe having taken the ſaid Meſſage into Conſideration,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *R. Smith*, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed, in a free Conference (if that be intended by that Houſe) on the Subject-Matter of the above Meſſage.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *D. Smith* do inform the Council thereof.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *D. Smith* and himſelf, had waited on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 11, 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee appointed on the free Conferrence with the Committee of the Council, on the Subject-Matter of the Meſſage of that Houſe, reported, that the Committees met and did confer thereon, and agreed to report to both Houſes, as the Opinion of the Committees, that ſome Reſolutions be entered into, proper to diſcourage ſuch large Numbers of Perſons coming down to this Place, to lay their Complaints before any Branch of the Legiſlature, in ſuch Manner as is reported; but that if any Perſons, who have

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been indicted or legally accuſed of the Diſorders committed in this Colony, have any Thing to offer, it ought to be done in a decent Manner, by a ſmall Number of others in their Behalf.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That any Number of Perſons coming to preſent Petitions or lay Complaints before any Branch of the Legiſlature in a tumultuous Manner, or in Company with any Perſon or Perſons indicted for, or legally accuſed of, the Diſorders committed in this Colony, in order to protect or countenance ſuch Perſons, is and will be a high Infringement of the Priviledges of the Legiſlature, an Inſult upon them, and a Contempt of the Laws: But that if any of thoſe Perſons ſo indicted or accuſed, have any Thing to offer, it ought to be preſented in a decent Manner, by a ſmall Number of others in their Behalf.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait on the Council with a Copy of the above Report and Reſolve, and acquaint them that this Houſe propoſe forthwith to order the Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, to publiſh the ſaid Reſolve in ſome of the moſt publick Places in that County.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf performed the ſaid Order, and alſo delivered the Bill, *to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs to give Security*, &c. to the Speaker in Council, and deſired their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That an Extract from the Meſſage of the Council of Yeſterday, with the Proceedings thereupon, be ſent to the Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, or his Deputy, who is hereby required forthwith to read or cauſe the ſame to be read, and Copies thereof ſet up at the Court-Houſe in *Trenton*, and at the moſt publick Place in *Maidenhead* and *Penny-Town*.

One of the Conſtables of *Trenton* being in Town, he was ſent for and ordered to deliver the ſaid Extract to the ſaid Sheriff or his Deputy.

A Memorial of *Peter Schuyler*, Colonel or Chief Commander of five Companies of Foot, raiſed within this Province of *New-Jerſey*, on the late intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, the Hardſhips the Officers and Soldiers ſuffered in the Service for want of their Pay, and praying the Aid of the Legiſlature therein.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Memorial be read a ſecond time.

A Petition of divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Burlington* and *Glouceſter*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth ſundry Inconveniencies they and others will

will lie under by laying out another Road in a more direct line from *Burlington* to *Cooper's Ferry*.

Ordered,
That ſaid Petition be read a ſecond time.

The Order of the Day being read, the hearing of the Parties concerning ſaid Road, was deferred till To-morrow Morning.

A Letter from *John Coxe*, Eſq; to His Excellency, with Copies of four Papers were laid before the Houſe, and with the other Papers received Yeſterday from the Council, were ordered to be read on *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government* : After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again : To which the Houſe agreed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, with the Reſolutions of that Houſe of this Day, and acquainting this Houſe, that the Council think it Adviſable, forthwith to order the Sheriffs of the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Somerſet*, *Middleſex* and *Eſſex*, to publiſh their ſaid Reſolves in the moſt publick Places of their reſpective Counties, and hope this Houſe will extend their Order to the ſaid Counties.

The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, and a debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put whether the Order be extended or not ; and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved,
That the Order of this Houſe be extended to the Counties of *Somerſet*, *Middleſex* and *Eſſex*,

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, *December* 12. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Commiſſioners appointed to purchaſe Proviſions for the uſe of the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, for his Majeſty's Service on the late intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, laid the Accounts of the Commiſſioners in the *Weſtern Diviſion* before the Houſe, and they were ordered to lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

The Bill *to prevent the Loſs of ſtray Cattle*, &c. was read a ſecond time, and Committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Eatton*.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

" COLONEL *Peter Schuyler*, who lately Commanded the Regiment raiſed " in this Province upon the intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, has " laid before me a Petition reſpecting the Payment of what is due to himſelf, " his Officers and Men, which Petition is now lying before your Houſe, " where I hope it will have its juſt Weight and Conſideration in all its Parts, " and then I think it muſt induce you to fall into ſome reaſonable Meaſures " for the relief of this Gentleman, his Officers and Men, in their preſent hard " Situation, which will be not only an Act of Juſtice and Goodneſs, and of doing " Honour to this Government, but it muſt alſo gain the KING's Counte- " nance and kind Regard to this Province, in a ſpeedy Reimburſement of " what Monies they have already advanced, and may further do, for His " Majeſty's Honour and Service in the preſent Exigency.

Burlington, J. BELCHER.
December 12, 1747.

Ordered,
That it be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

The Parties concerned in the Petition for another Road in a more direct line from *Burlington* to *Cooper's Ferry*, and their Opponents attending, were called in and fully heard, and then were ordered to withdraw.

And this Matter was referred to be conſidered when the Bill for the Road prayed for, comes under the Conſideration of the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia, *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

VOTES
OF THE
General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, December 14. 1747.

THE Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, December 15. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smith*, according to leave, brought in the Bill *for laying out a more direct Road from* Burlington *to* Cooper's Ferry, which was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

According to the Order of the Day, the Letter from *John Coxe*, Eſq; to his Excellency, with the other four Papers, and alſo the Papers ſent from the Council N° 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the other Papers ſent from the Council were referred.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Accounts of *John Allen*, Eſq; one of the Treaſurers of this Colony, were laid before the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts, and alſo to inſpect and burn the cancell'd Bills now in the Hands of *John Allen*, Eſq; and make report to the Houſe; and that Mr.

Cooper and Mr. *Eatton* do inform the Council thereof, and deſire that Houſe to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government.* After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, December 16. 1747.

The Houſe met.

And Reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government.* After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Secretary* laid before the Houſe ſix Affidavits Numbred 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, which he acquainted the Houſe had been laid before the Council by His Excellency's Order.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Affidavits be read in the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Affidavits according to order were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe to whom the other Papers were referred.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Grievances of the Colony; after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that according to the order of the Day, ſome of the Subſcribers of the Petition for Relief from the Grievances they apprehend themſelves under, by Means of the Charter Incorporating the *Borough of Trenton* attended, and were called in, and *David Martin*, Eſq; one of the Burgeſſes of ſaid Borough being preſent, the Petitioners were heard in ſupport of their Petition, and Mr. *Martin* being ask'd, if he had any thing to offer, acquainted the Committee, that as the Petition was againſt the Charter, and not concerning the Execution of the Powers contained therein, the Burgeſſes had agreed it was not neceſſary to make any Anſwer to the ſaid Petition.

And the further Conſideration thereof was referred to the ſaid Committee.

According to the other Order of the Day, the Juſtices of *Hunterdon* either attended or excuſed their non-attendence by Letter and Meſſage, except

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ſix of them, moſt of whom living more remote its ſuppoſed were detained by the ſeverity of the Weather.

And thoſe attending were called in and heard, and the Letters were read giving their ſeveral reaſons why they did not meet the Freeholders to cancel the Bills of Credit on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May* laſt. And then thoſe preſent were ordered to withdraw.

The Houſe being of Opinion, that the ſaid Bills of Credit ought to be cancelled as ſoon as may be.

Ordered,
That the Juſtices and Freeholders of the ſaid County of *Hunterdon*, meet together at *Trenton*, on the *ſixth* Day of *January* next, and examine the Accounts of the Loan-Officers, and cancel the Bills of Credit which ought to have been cancelled on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May* laſt, acting therein as near as may be, agreeable to Law.

Ordered,
That the Juſtice of the ſaid County give Notice of the above Order to the Loan-Officers and Freeholders within the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, December 17, 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Juſtices of *Hunterdon* attending, were called in and ſuitably reprimanded by Mr. *Speaker*, for the Neglect of their Duty, in not meeting on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May* laſt, to cancel the Money, and chooſe a County Collector according to Law.

Ordered,
That they pay the Sergeant at Arms, *Fifty Shillings*, to be proportioned among all the Juſtices of the ſaid County, to whom he gave Notice to attend this Houſe: And that thereupon the ſaid Juſtices who appeared here, be diſcharged from further Attendance.

The three Commiſſioners appointed in the Eaſtern Diviſion to purchaſe Proviſions for the Uſe of the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony for His Majeſty's Service, laid their Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Demareſt*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Brick*, and Mr. *Cooke*, be a Committee to examine the ſaid Accounts, and alſo the Accounts of the Weſtern Commiſſioners, and make Report to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

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The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Eatton* and himſelf waited on the Council with the Meſſage committed to them on *Tueſday* laſt.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Leonard*, or any two of them, to be a Committee to join the Committee of this Houſe, to inſpect the Treaſurer's Accounts, and alſo to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills, now in the Hands of *John Allen*, Eſq; and that the Committees meet at ſuch Time and Place as they ſhall agree upon.

The Bill, *for laying out a more direct Road from* Burlington to *Cooper*'s-*Ferry*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Spicer*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the ſaid Bill, and come to ſundry Reſolutions, which he was directed to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Eatton*, thereupon reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as followeth,

Reſolved,
That the Government be ſupported for One Year, to commence the 10th Day of *Auguſt* 1747, and to end the 10th Day of *Auguſt* 1748.

Reſolved,
That in and by the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for One Year*, &c. when paſſed into a Law, there be paid,

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, and on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Van Buskirk*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Emley*	who all voted
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cooper*,		for 800 *l*.
Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*	Mr. *Hopkins*.		

To

To the *Chief Juſtice* for the Time being, for holding Supream Courts at *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington*, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, and on the Queſtion, it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *VanBuskirk*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Emley*	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooke*,		Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cooper*,		who all voted
Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*	Mr. *Hancock*,		for 50 *l.*

To the ſecond and third Judges, for the Time being, each the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the *Attorney General* for the Time being, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To each of the *Treaſurers* for the Time being, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed,

To the *Clerk of the Council* for the Time being, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the *Agent of this Colony* for the Time being, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the *Clerk of the Circuits* for the Time being, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the *Door-keeper of the Council* for the Time being, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Eatton* further reported, that the Committee had come to ſundry Reſolutions concerning the publick Debts and contingent Charges of the Government, as followeth.

Reſolved,

That in and by the ſaid Act there be paid,

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, the Sum of *ſixty Pounds* for Houſe-Rent, for the aforeſaid one Year. To which the Houſe agreed.

To His ſaid Excellency, for his early Care in calling together the Commiſſioners for arming, cloathing, *&c.* the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, for His Majeſty's Service, inſpecting their Accounts, and forwarding them to Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES, to be by them allowed, in order to be tranſmitted to the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, to be laid before the Parliament for Re-payment of the Money lent by this Colony to the Government, for purchaſing the ſaid Arms, Cloathing, *&c.* And the better to enable His Excellency to continue his Care in getting the ſaid Money repaid; as alſo the better to enable him to go through the Difficulties he is likely to meet with in reſtoring the broken Peace of this Colony, the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*. And on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,		Mr. *Mott*.

To the Executors or Adminiſtrators of JOHN HAMILTON, Eſq; late Commander in Chief of this Colony, the Sum of *Five Hundred* and *Twenty Pounds*: To which the Houſe agreed.

To JOHN READING, Eſq; late Commander in Chief of this Colony, the Sum of *Seventy-one Pounds*: To which the Houſe agreed.

To the *Chief Juſtice*, ſecond and third Judges, Attorney General, Treaſurers, Clerk of the Council, Agent, Clerk of the Circuits and Door-keeper of the Council, for the time being, between the 23*d* of *September* 1744 and the 10*th Auguſt* 1747 for their Salaries reſpectively during the ſaid time, the like Sum in Proportion to the time as is herein before voted, to be paid to the ſaid reſpective Officers for their Salaries during the aforeſaid one Year. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Perſon who was Clerk of the Circuits in the Year ended the 23*d Sept.* 1744 for his Salary voted, but not put in the laſt Act *for Support of Government*, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*: To which the Houſe agreed.

To the *Chief Juſtice*, or other Judge, who ſhall hold Circuit Courts according to the Bill during the ſaid one Year, *Ten Pounds* for each Court: Alſo the like Sums for Courts held heretofore ſince Proviſion made by Law for the ſame, unleſs Satisfaction hath been made otherwiſe, for holding ſuch Courts. To which the Houſe agreed.

To each of the Council, the Sum of *Six Shillings*, *per diem* for the Time each of them have attended, or ſhall attend at this, or any other ſittings during ſaid one Year; and alſo for the time each of them attended at the former ſittings of General Aſſembly heretofore unprovided for by Law. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Clerk of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, the Sum of *eight Shillings*, for each Day he hath attended at the late ſittings not provided for by Law, and that he hath attended or ſhall attend at this, or any other ſittings, during the ſaid one Year. Alſo the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, for entering the Minutes of this and ſaid former ſittings fair in the Book, copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, Pen, Ink and Paper. To which the Houſe agreed.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer, for printing the Votes of this and ſaid former ſittings, and any others during ſaid one Year. And to *Benjamin Franklin*, or any other Printer now, or hereafter appointed, for printing the Laws paſs'd or to be paſs'd in the Times aboveſaid, ſuch Sums as *Richard Smith*, jun. *Joſeph Cooper*, and *Daniel Smith*, Eſqrs. or any two of them ſhall agree for. To which the Houſe agreed.

To *Thomas Wetherill*, jun. or to the Sergeant at Arms for the Time being, for attending on the Houſe of Repreſentatives, this, or any other ſitting during ſaid one Year, and to the Sergeant who attended at ſaid former ſittings, the

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Sum of *three Shillings* per diem. Alſo to *Andrew Robinſon*, for going Expreſs to *Trenton*, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, who attended, or ſhall attend on the Council in Manner aforeſaid, the Sum of *three Shillings* per diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Door-keeper for the time being, who hath attended, or ſhall attend on the Houſe of Repreſentatives, in manner aforeſaid, the Sum of *three Shillings* per diem. Alſo to the Adminiſtrators of *William Petty*, *thirty Shillings* for Firewood, *&c.* at former Sittings. And to *William Norcroſs* for the like for this Sitting his Account to be allowed by *R. Smith* and *D. Smith*, Eſqrs. To which the Houſe agreed.

To *Andrew Johnſon*, Eſq; to pay for a Room, Firewood and Candle for the Council, at the former ſittings aforeſaid, *twelve Shillings* per Week: And alſo for this ſitting *Twenty Shillings* per Week. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Executors of his late Excellency Lewis Morris, Eſq; his Account for Caſh paid *James Home*, Eſq; *four pounds ſeventeen ſhillings*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the ſaid Executors for his ſaid Excellency's Houſe Rent, from the 23d of *September* 1744, to the Time of his deceaſe, *One Hundred Pounds*. And on the Queſtion, it paſſed in the Affirmative,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Low*.	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Spicer*.
Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*	Mr. *Cooper*,		

To *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; for remitting the Agents Salary to the 23*d Sept.* 1744 and in full of his Account of contingent Diſburſment, the Sum of *twenty nine Pounds* and *three Pence*. And alſo *Fifteen Pounds* to pay for the uſe of the Rooms, Firewood and Candles for this Houſe at all the Sittings at *Perth-Amboy* not provided for by Law. To which the Houſe agreed.

To *Richard Smith*, jun. Eſq; for the uſe of *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; Agent of this Colony, the Sum of *four Hundred* and *ſeven Pounds ſeven ſhillings* and *five Pence*, in full of his Account of diſburſments to the 10*th July* 1746. To which the Houſe agreed.

To Colonel *Peter Schuyler* in full of his Account of Proviſions, *&c.* for the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, the Sum of *ſix Hundred* and *ſeven Pounds ſeventeen ſhillings* and *four Pence*. Alſo *ſixteen Pounds* and *four Pence*, for *Philip Schuyler*, Eſq; Account for Carting and Storage of ſaid Proviſions. And on the Queſtion agree or not? it paſs'd in the Affirmative. Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Cooke*.		

To *Charles Read*, Eſq; in full of his Account of Diſburſments for the Colony *thirty-one Pounds* and *ſeven Pence*. Alſo *thirty-five Pounds* for his Extraordinary Services to the beginning of this Sitting. To which the Houſe agreed.

To *Andrew Johnſton* and *John Allen*, Eſqrs: Treaſurers, ſuch Sums as it appears by their Accounts they have reſpectively advanced, over and above what has been heretofore provided for by Law, for the Subſiſtance of the Forces before their Embarkation for *Albany*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the *Speaker*, and each of the Members, that now are, or lately were of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, the Sum of *ſix ſhillings*, per diem, for the time they attended at former ſittings not provided for by Law, and for the time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend, at this, or any other ſitting during the aforeſaid one Year. To which the Houſe agreed.

A Motion being made that there be allowed to the Executors of His late Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Eſq; Governor of this Colony, a Salary for his adminiſtring the Government from the 23*d* of *December* 1744 to the 21*ſt* Day of *May* 1746 (being the time of his Diſeaſe) for which no Proviſion has been made, and a debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put, whether any Sum ought to be allowed or not? and it paſs'd in the Negative.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Kearny*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Emley*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Cooper*,		
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,		
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Hancock*,		
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Brick*.		

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 18, 1747.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of divers Freeholders of the Townſhip of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Road from *Rancokus Ferry* towards *Glouceſter*, as it now goes, is very crooked and on bad Ground, and that the Survey of the Road as laid out by Act of Aſſembly is loſt, and praying

praying the ſaid Road, as far as it goes through ſaid Townſhips, may be altered, the Owners of the Land having given Conſent for the ſame.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition be read a ſecond time.

The Bill *for Support of Government*, being read, and ſeveral Amendments made to the ſame,

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stelle*, the Repreſentatives for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, according to leave, brought in a Bill *to enable the Citizens and Inhabitants of ſaid City to build a Work-Houſe*, &c. which was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, December 19, 1747.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

'MY Time has been lately much taken up, in bringing to an Ad-'juſtment, the Accounts of the Money advanced by this Province '(in Virtue of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, one of 'His Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State) for the King's Service, in the 'intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, which Account was directed to be 'ſent to Governor SHIRLEY, and Mr. KNOWLES at *Boſton*, and the ſame 'has been ſent them in a Letter from me, to which I received an An-'ſwer, and have ſince wrote fully, and tranſmitted what has been further 'neceſſary, and the Secretary will deliver you the Papers referring thereto.

'In Duty to the King for any further Service His Majeſty may require of 'us, as well as from the Regard I ought to have to the Intereſt of the 'Province, I think it of great Importance, that you ſend Home by the very firſt 'Opportunity, the Account of this Matter, in which, in obedience to the 'King's Orders, you have ſupplied His Majeſty's Troops with near *Nine Thou-'ſand Pounds* in Money, for the Reimburſement whereof (agreeable to His 'Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle*'s Letter) Proviſion will doubtleſs be made in 'Parliament: And as the Year is far ſpent, no Time ought to be loſt in this 'Affair. And any Service I can do in it for the Province will not be 'wanting.'

Burlington,
December 19, 1747.

J. BELCHER.

And Mr. *Secretary* laid before the Houſe Copies of the Letters mentioned in the ſaid Meſſage, which were read and referred to further Conſideration.

Ordered,
That the Commiſſioners for arming and cloathing the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, lay their Accounts before the Houſe on *Monday* next.

Mr. *Cooper* from the Committee, to whom the Bill *for laying out a more direct Road from* Burlington *to* Cooper's-Ferry, was committed, reported the ſaid Bill with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for one Year, to commence the* 10th *Day of* Auguſt 1747, *and to end the* 10th *Day of* Auguſt, 1748. *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill do paſs? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Emley*,	

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Kearny* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Kearny* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Bill to the Speaker of the Council, that Houſe having juſt adjourned.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, December 21. 1747.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooper* from the Committee to whom the Bill *for ſettling the Quota's of the ſeveral Counties*, was committed, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amend-

Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to, and ſome Amendments being alſo made thereto in the Houſe,

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Nevill*, and Mr. *Low*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for the frequent electing Repreſentatives to ſerve in* General Aſſembly.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſir'd leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of* Burlington *and* Glouceſter, *and others, to erect and build a Draw or Swinging-Bridge over* Cooper's-Creek *in the ſaid County of* Glouceſter. *And for appointing Commiſſioners to lay out a more direct Road from* Burlington *over the ſaid Bridge to* Cooper's-Ferries, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *D. Smith* do carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* had leave to be abſent till To-morrow Week, on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, December 22, 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Petition of the Freeholders of the Townſhip of *Cheſter*, concerning a Road, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That the Petition lie on the Table.

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The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that on reading ſome of the Papers, it appearing that Mr. *Nevill*, then Chairman of the Committee, was concerned therein, he deſired leave to quit the Chair, and thereupon the Committee appointed him the ſaid Mr. *Hancock* their Chairman.

That the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred: And had conſidered the Complaint of *Thomas Clawſon* againſt *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; who being preſent, declared, that he had always been ready and willing, and had ſeveral Times offered to refer the Diſputes between him and ſaid *Clawſon* to indifferent Perſons; and now declared, that he is willing to refer the ſame to any indifferent Perſons of the Counties of *Burlington*, *Glouceſter*, *Salem*, or *Cape-May*, notwithſtanding the ſame is now depending in the *Supream Court*. The Committee are therefore of Opinion, that the Offer is reaſonable, and that if the ſaid *Clawſon* refuſes the ſame, he ought not to complain.

That the Committee had alſo conſidered the Complaint of *Dalius Hageman*, againſt the ſaid *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; with Mr. *Nevill's* anſwer to the ſame, upon which Mr. *Nevill* further ſaid, that he ſhould be willing to refer this Matter likewiſe, but that it affects other Men's Properties as well as his own, and that he is only Defendant in the Cauſe between them, which appeared to the Committee to be a good Reaſon for not referring the ſame.

Mr. *Hancock* further reported, that the Committee deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,

That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the above Report.

Ordered,

That the Clerk ſerve the ſaid *Thomas Clawſon*, with a Copy of the ſaid Report.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *D. Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Bill *to impower ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of* Burlington *&c. to erect and build a Draw or Swinging Bridge &c.* with the Meſſage of the Houſe, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that Houſe not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, December 23. 1747.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony when it ſhall be neceſſary to make a Provincial Tax*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Cooper* do carry the ſame to the Council and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, with leave of His Excellency, adjourn'd till *Tueſday* next.

Tueſday, December 29. 1747.

The Houſe met according to adjournment and adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, December 30. 1747.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the Conſideration of His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Nevill*, reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himſelf, delivered the Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the ſeveral Counties &c.* to the *Speaker* of the Council on *Wedneſday* laſt, that Houſe not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on his Excellency's Speech, and others Matters to them referred. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and on reading the Papers relating to Pilots, and thoſe relating to the counterfeiting of Bills of Credit and current Coins, had come to ſome Reſolutions thereon, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

And, with leave, he reported the ſaid Reſolutions, which were read and are as follows.

Reſolved,

That the Committee do recommend it to the Houſe, as expedient, that a Bill be brought in, *to regulate* Pilots *within this Colony*.

Reſolved,

Reſolved,
That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Excellency, in anſwer to His Speech of the 19th of laſt Month, and that therein he be deſired to direct the Attorney General, and all other Officers, to be vigilant in apprehending Perſons ſuſpected of Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Colony, or any Gold or Silver Coins paſſing therein, and to put the Laws ſtrictly and vigorouſly in Execution againſt them.

Reſolved,
That the Committee do recommend it to the Houſe, to conſider whether any thing further will be neceſſary to be done for more effectually preventing the Counterfeiting of Foreign Coins.

And the ſaid Reſolutions being again read.

Reſolved.
That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſame and will take thoſe Matters into Conſideration accordingly.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Fiſher* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Brick*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for regulating the Pilots in this Colony*.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, *December* 31, 1747.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſir'd leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Chief Juſtice* to be one of the Committee to inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts, in the ſtead of Mr. *Leonard*, who is abſent.

Another Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, requeſting of the Houſe, the ſeveral Accounts mentioned in the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Support of*

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Government, &c. with the Vouchers of the Articles thereof, for the Conſideration of that Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, January 1, 1747-8

The Houſe met.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth that the *Act prohibiting the Importation of Rum from the neighbouring Colonies*, is prejudicial to the Trade carried on to *New-England*, and praying the ſame may be repealed.

Ordered,

That the Petition be read a ſecond Time, when the Bill for repealing the *Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum*, &c. comes under Conſideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *D. Smith*, and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, in anſwer to their Meſſage of Yeſterday, that the Requeſt made by that Houſe, of our ſending the Accounts mentioned in the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government*, &c. with the Vouchers of the Articles thereof, for the Conſideration of that Houſe, is a Thing new, and at preſent appears to this Houſe to be unprecedented, and in its Conſequences may very nearly affect the Rights and Priviledges of this Houſe.

The Accounts made payable by that Bill, are chiefly ſuch as have become a Debt on this Colony in Conſequence of their Compliance with His Majeſty's Commands, ſignified to the late Preſident HAMILTON, by the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, that it was expected the Colony would provide Proviſions for the Subſiſtance of the Forces to be raiſed therein, and as theſe Accounts have been carefully examined by a Committee of our whole Houſe; and as it hath always been a Priviledge of the *General Aſſembly* of *New-Jerſey*, to judge of what Sums of Money, raiſed from the People, are proper to be paid for Services done by their Order, or to be allowed of by them; And as His Excellency in his Speech of *Auguſt* laſt, tells us, *it is more peculiarly our Priviledge and Duty to make the neceſſary Supplies for the Payment of the publick Debts*, &c. Therefore this Houſe, though well diſpoſed to cultivate a good Underſtanding with the Gentlemen of His Majeſty's Council, yet they are determined not to give up their Priviledges.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

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Saturday, January 2. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *D. Smith* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe of Yeſterday, to Mr. *Alexander* one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Richard Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency, reported, that they had prepared the ſame, and it was received and read Paragraph by Paragraph, and ſeveral Amendments being made, it was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia, *to print theſe Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, January 4, 1747.8.

The Houſe met.

THE engroſſed Addreſs to His Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Cooper* do wait on His Excellency and acquaint him, that the Houſe deſire to be informed, when they may attend him with their Addreſs.

A Petition of *Peter Louderboch* was read, ſetting forth, that he was born under the Allegiance of the Emperor of *Germany*, and being ſettled in this Province, prays an Act may be paſſed for his Naturalization. Alſo a Certificate of his having this Day taken the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration according to Law, was read, which was done before *Charles Read*, Eſq; thereunto duly Authorized, and in preſence of two of the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Brick*, have leave to bring in a Bill for that purpoſe.

Mr. *Van Buſkirk* had leave to go home upon Extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, January 5. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf, had waited upon his Excellency with the Meſſage of Yeſterday, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would let the Houſe know when he would be waited upon with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committe to whom was referred the Bill entitled, *An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of Stray Cattle, Horſes and Sheep*, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and a Debate ariſing thereon, the Conſideration thereof was deferred until afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill, *the better to prevent the Concealing of Stray Cattle, Horſes and Sheep*, and the ſame were read and ſome Amendments made thereto.

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, January 6. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Eſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, ſundry inconveniencies they lie under by means of the *Act for the Preſervation of Timber*, &c. and praying the ſame may be repealed.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition be read a ſecond Time, when the Bill for that purpoſe now in the Houſe comes under Conſideration.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Concealing of Stray Cattle, Horſes and Sheep*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion whether the ſame do paſs? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hancock* do acquaint the Council, that this Houſe have directed their Committee, appointed to conferr with the Committee of the

the Council, on Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the Riots and prevſent Diſorders in this Colony, to meet them for that purpoſe at ſuch Time and Place as the Council ſhall appoint.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf perform'd the aforeſaid Orders of the Houſe.

The Bill *for aſcertaining the Fees to be taken by the ſeveral Officers of the Colony of* New-Jerſey, was read again, and an Amendment made to the Title of the ſame, being now entitled *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Juſtices of this Colony to aſcertain and Tax Bills of Coſts, for making Proviſion by Law for the payment of the Services of the ſeveral Officers thereof, and for preventing the ſaid Officers from taking Exorbitant Fees.*

Ordered,
That the Bill be committed to Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Cooke*; and that Mr. *Speaker* be deſired to aſſiſt therein.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council and acquaint them thereof, and deſire them to appoint a Committee to join the ſaid Committee of this Houſe, to conſider the ſaid Bill, and agree upon ſuch Alterations and Amendments as they ſhall think neceſſary, and make Report thereof, to meet at ſuch time and place as the Council ſhall appoint.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill *to repeal the Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum*, &c. was read a ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*. Alſo the Petition of ſundry of the Inhabitants of this Province for repealing the ſame was read a ſecond time.

The Bill *to repeal part of the Act for preſerving of Timber*, &c. and the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Eſſex* for paſſing ſaid Bill, were read.

And a Motion being made, that the Bill be committed, the Queſtion was put thereupon, and it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,
That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Demareſt*, Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Brick*.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe, that they have paſſed the Bill *to continue an Act, entituled, An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony*, &c.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have this Day paſſed the Bill entitled, *An Act to enable ſundry Inhabitants*

Inhabitants of the Counties of Burlington *and* Glouceſter, *&c. to build a Draw or Swinging Bridge over* Coopers Creek, *&c.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, January 7. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf, according to the Order of yeſterday, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe to Mr. *Coxe*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

Mr. *Speaker*,
His Excellency has ordered me to acquaint you, that he is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended His Excellency, and preſented their Addreſs in the following Words, *viz.*

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; *Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majeſty's Province of* New-Jerſey, *and the Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the ſame.*

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE His Majeſty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, in General Aſſembly convened, beg Your Excellency will in the firſt Place, be pleaſed to excuſe our not Addreſſing You ſooner, to return the Thanks that are due to Your Excellency for the kind and favourable Speech You was pleaſed to make on the 19*th* Day of *November*, to His Majeſty's Council and to this Houſe. This delay was chiefly occaſioned from an Expectation the Houſe had, of ſeeing the Papers Your Excellency ordered the Secretary to lay before the Council and this Houſe, previous to their entring upon this Addreſs, and they being under the Conſideration of the Council, the Houſe proceeded to other Buſineſs, and in the mean time, went through the Bill *for the Support of the Government*, &c. By which, according to Your Excellency's recommendation, we have made Proviſion for the Payment of the Publick Debts, and for the *Support* of the Government.

And as Your Excellency was ſo kind at our laſt Meeting, to indulge us with the Receſs we deſired, You had the more Reaſon to expect we ſhould early and in earneſt ſet ourſelves about it: And as we conceived nothing in our Power would more fully demonſtrate Our good Inclinations, of reſtoring

reſtoring again that *happy Harmony*, and *Honourable Confidence*, which once *ſubſiſted* in this Colony, and which will be confeſſed by all, ought always to *ſubſiſt* between the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature, than the ready Diſpatch we have given to this Bill, and conſidering that like the Circulation of the Blood in the Natural Body, ſo the free Circulation of Buſineſs through the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature, is the moſt likely way to create a State of Health in the Body Politick, We have therefore ſent it to the Council to be paſſed by them, and preſented for Your Concurrence, that by Your aſſiſtance we may be able to do what we have before attempted in vain, that is, to pay the Officers of the Government and all others their juſt Dues, with as little Delay as poſſible, to prevent the *Cry of Oppreſſion*.

This we have now done in ſuch a Manner as We hope will be agreeable to all concerned, and ſhew our Intention to promote ſuch a Unanimity amongſt the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature, and the Officers of the Government, as may very much contribute to its Strength.

We have alſo paſſed ſeveral other Bills, ſome of them near in the ſame form as they have paſſed the Council and this Houſe heretofore, but were then rejected by the late Governor, to our diſcouragement, and our Country's great Coſt and Diſappointment. Your happy Arrival amongſt us, and the kind aſſurances You have given us, *revive* our hopes, and We have placed our Confidence in You. Your known Abilities, Compaſſion and Goodneſs, as a tender Father, We truſt, will be kindly employed in aſſiſting us, that We may be able to get theſe, and ſuch other Bills, as are really neceſſary for the good of the People of *New-Jerſey*, and not inconſiſtent with His Majeſty's Commands to You, paſſed into Laws, for the help and relief of the Needy and Oppreſſed.

By Your Excellency's Speech We find, that the *Expedition* againſt *Canada* is laid aſide for the preſent; and by the Extract of the Duke of *New-Caſtle's* Letter to Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES, that they are to procure an Account of the Expence incurred on account of the *American Troops*, that it may be tranſmitted to the Duke of *New-Caſtle*, to be laid before the Parliament for repayment, and in the mean time to recommend it to the ſeveral Governors, where theſe Forces were raiſed, to procure Credit from their reſpective Aſſemblies to prevent any Complaint that might ariſe amongſt the Men for want of immediate Pay. Altho' We are heartily deſirous of recommending ourſelves to His Majeſty's Grace and Favour, We cannot conceive We are in any Condition to do what Our Inclinations leads Us to, on this occaſion, becauſe We have no Money in Our Treaſury but what is already Diſpoſed of, We are in Debt on Account of this Expedition, for Bounty Money paid to encourage the Inliſting the Men, for ſubſiſting them before their Embarkation for *Albany*, and for Victualing them for the time they were there until the time of their Diſcharge and other Expences thereon accurring, upwards of *Nine Thouſand Pounds*, beſides the *Ten Thouſand Pounds* lent the CROWN which We ſtand engaged for, till it be Provided for by Parliament. And as We are informed that by Your Excellency's Inſtructions You are forbid to paſs any Law for emitting of *Bills of Credit*, without a Clauſe in the ſaid Bill, ſuſpending the Effect thereof, until His Majeſty's

Pleaſure ſhall be known concerning it, any attempt of Ours to do it in that Manner would not Anſwer the preſent Emergency. We have therefore no way left to raiſe Money to pay thoſe Troops ſooner than it may be obtained from Parliament, and Conſidering the large Payments made the Men by Col. *Peter Schuyler*, (the worthy Gentleman that Commanded them, and who approved himſelf a good Friend to the Expedition, by advancing, as We are informed, ſome *Thouſands* of Pounds out of his own Eſtate to keep the Men together, and prevent their Mutinying for want of Pay) and that many of them are ſince that Deſerted, and others after their Diſmiſſion, inliſted in the *New-York* Companies, and as they have by the Duke of *New-Caſtle's* Letter, the Promiſe of His Majeſty's Pay, and as that was the Condition on which they Inliſted themſelves, We hope under theſe Conſiderations there will not be much uneaſineſs amongſt them for want of the remaining part of their Pay, until it can be provided for by Parliament.

Your Excellency's early Care in directing the Commiſſioners employed in arming and cloathing the Forces raiſed in this Colony, to wait on you and adjuſt that Account, and forwarding it to Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES, to be by them tranſmitted to the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, to be laid before the Parliament for Reimburſement, claims our grateful Acknowledgment and Thanks: And as we conceive Your Excellency will not hear of any of His Majeſty's Colonies that more readily exerted themſelves on this Occaſion, for His Majeſty's Service, than we, according to our Abilities, have done; ſo we think, You will not hear of any, that have advanced Money, on the Credit of the CROWN, for cloathing and arming their Forces, as hath been done by this Colony. This Our Loyal Conduct, to the beſt of KINGS, emboldens us to deſire Your Excellency will continue Your Care in aſſiſting us in getting the Money, lent the CROWN, repaid, that it may be ſunk, with Reputation to the Colony, according to the Law that gave it Birth.

We have now read the Papers that the *Secretary*, by Your Excellency's Order, laid before Us, many of them we find to contain diſputes and complaints about Matter of Property, a Thing We conceive not in Our Power to decide. Notwithſtanding, as we perceive it is from thence that thoſe Riots and Diſorders, which have been ſo audaciouſly committed in this Colony, have taken their Riſe, We have, according to the Advice of Your Excellency, re-conſidered our Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on that Affair, and as We had a ſpecial regard at the time of Our appointing them, that no Perſon concerned in the Property in Diſpute, ſhould be on that Committee, ſo we cannot find, on reconſidering that Matter, that any of them are Intereſted therein.

On reading the Papers from the Honourable Mr. PALMER, Preſident of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, refering to *Pilots* in *Delaware River*, We have ordered a Bill to be brought into the Houſe for regulating ſuch of them as belong to this Colony.

On reading thoſe concerning the Diſcoveries made of the Counterfeiting Our *Jerſey* Bills of Credit, and *Spaniſh* Pieces of Eight, the Houſe are humbly

humbly of Opinion, the beſt expedient they can fall upon at preſent, is to deſire that Your Excellency will be pleaſed, immediately to direct the *Attorney General*, and all other Officers of this Colony, to be vigilant in apprehending Perſons ſuſpected of counterfeiting the Bills of Credit, or any Gold or Silver Coins paſſing therein, and to put the Laws ſtrictly and vigorouſly in Execution againſt thoſe that ſhall be found guilty. And the Houſe will further conſider, whether it may not be proper for them to do ſomething, more effectually to prevent the Counterfeiting of Foreign Coins.

The Method Your Excellency hath taken in laying theſe Papers before His Majeſty's Council and this Houſe, ſhews the Regard You have, that Juſtice ſhould be adminiſtred impartially, and when any thing further ſhall occur to You for the publick Good, We ſhall gladly receive it. And We thank Your Excellency for the kind Aſſurances You have given Us, of accepting from Us ſuch Things as We ſhall judge may contribute to the ſame good Ends.

Your Excellency's very kind Aſſurances, that You will make it Your great Care and Study, to bring this Colony into a more flouriſhing State, will be welcome Tydings to the People We repreſent: And We ſhall always with great Cheerfulneſs, do Our utmoſt to ſtrengthen Your Heart and Hands in ſo good a Purpoſe, and thereby render Your Adminiſtration eaſy and pleaſant to Yourſelf, and happy to the Colony.

Divers Members of this Houſe being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

To which His Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer.

Gentlemen,

I *Thank You for this kind Anſwer to what I laid before You in* November *laſt, and for the Diſpatch You have given to many of the publick Affairs, I then recommended to You: And as the beſt Return I can make You, for the Confidence You are pleaſed to repoſe in Me, I will endeavour, in the Courſe of My Adminiſtration, to give you reaſon to increaſe it.*

J. BELCHER.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, January 8, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Smith,* acquainting the Houſe that the Council have directed their Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of this Houſe on Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the Riots and preſent Diſorders in this Colony, to meet the Committee of this Houſe

Houſe for that Purpoſe at the Houſe of the Widow *Hunloke*, on *Tueſday* next, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Another Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*, in the following Words.

" This Houſe having taken into Conſideration, the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly, received this Day by Mr. *Cooper* and Mr *Hopkins*, are of Opinion, that the appointing Committees of both Houſes to meet and form a Bill to be brought into either Houſe, has been cuſtomary, but remember no Precedent of either Houſe, to aſſiſt on the Commitment of a Bill in the other, tho' ſuch Thing may have been, and foreſee no ill Conſequence at preſent in ſo doing. Wherefore it is *Ordered*, That Mr. *Smith*, do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that this Houſe has appointed Mr. *Coxe*, aſſiſted by Mr. *Speaker*, to be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better enabling the Judges and Juſtices of this Colony, to aſcertain and tax Bills of Coſt*, &c. And that the Committees do meet for that Purpoſe at the Houſe of the Widow *Hunloke*, at Five o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Declaring nevertheleſs, that ſhould there be no Precedent of this, or any future Inconvenience ariſe from the appointing of ſuch a Committee of this Houſe, that this ſhall not be drawn into Precedent."

Mr. *Crane* from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal the *Act, to encourage the direct importation of Rum*, &c. was committed, reported the ſaid Bill with ſome Amendments, which were read, and a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put, whether the Houſe agree thereto or not? And it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, *to repeal part of the Act, for preſerving of Timber*, &c. was committed, reported the ſame, with ſome Amendments, which were read, and ſome other Amendments made thereto, and on the Queſtion whether the Houſe agreed to the ſame or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal An Act*, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the direct importation of Rum from the Britiſh Plantations in the* Weſt-Indies, *and of ſuch Wines as may lawfully be imported from the Places of their Growth, Product, and Manufacture, into the Eaſtern Di-*

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viſion of New-Jerſey, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion whether the ſame do paſs or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Yeas,	Nay.
M. *Eatton*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Nevill*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Emley*.	

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to repeal part of An Act*, entitled, *An Act, for preſerving of Timber in the Eaſtern Diviſion of the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *and all Sorts of Trees in the Bounds of the Patent or Charter of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *that lies in Common*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion whether the ſame do paſs or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

The Yeas and Nay as above.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Fiſher* do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr *Fiſher* and himſelf performed the ſaid Order.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *to regulate Pilots*, &c. preſented a Draught of ſuch Bill to the Houſe, which was received and read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, January 9. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hude* brought back from the Council, the Bill *for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of* Salem *into a ſeparate County*, &c. with an Amendment made thereto.

And the ſaid Amendment was read in its place, and on the Queſtion agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Bill concerning Pilots was read the ſecond time, and committed, to Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Hancock*.

A Petition of *Dalius Hageman* was read, praying that he may have Time to anſwer and preſent his Evidence in the Affair between Mr. *Nevill* and him.

Ordered,
That the Petition be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

By Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia, *to print theſe Votes.*
ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, January 11. 1747-8.

THE Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tueſday, January 12. 1747-8.

The Houſe met, and the Clerk being unable to attend, adjourn'd to two o'Clock P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Clerk continuing ſick, and unable to attend the Service of the Houſe,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Crane*, do wait upon the Governor and acquaint him thereof, and to deſire him to nominate a ſuitable Perſon to act in that Station during the ſaid Clerks Indiſpoſition.

The Gentlemen returning, reported for Anſwer, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, He ſhould approve of whom the Houſe thought proper to appoint.

Ordered,

That *Samuel Smith* do ſerve in that Station, in the room of the ſaid Clerk during his Indiſpoſition.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting the ſouthern Parts of the County of* Salem *into a ſeparate County*, &c. being read, with the Councils Amendments; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting the Southren Parts of the County of* Salem *into a ſeparate County*, &c. to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have paſſed the ſame with their Amendments.

The Commiſſioners for arming and cloathing the Forces on the Expedition to *Canada*, laid their Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Smith*, Mr. *Crane*. Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Cooke*, and Mr. *Cooper*, be a Committee to inſpect the ſaid Accounts and Vouchers, and make report to the Houſe.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf, according to the Order of the Houſe, carried the Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting the Southern parts of the County of* Salem *into a Separate County*, &c. and delivered the ſame to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, January 13. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Grievances of the Colony, (being the Day appointed for that Purpoſe) and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

I HAVE already laid before you ſome Papers relating to the *Ten Thouſand* " *Pounds* granted by this Province, in compliance with the KING's rea- " ſonable Expectation, ſignified by his Grace the Duke of *New-Caſtle*, one " of His Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, for ſupplying of Arms, " Cloathing, &c. for His Majeſty's Troops rais'd in this Province on the " late intended Expedition againſt *Canada*. I now ſend you what other " Things reſpect that Affair, juſt as I have tranſmitted them by Direction of " the Secretary of State, to the Governor of the *Maſſachuſets*, and they " being in the compleateſt Manner they can go from this Government, I " believe you will think it for the Intereſt of this People, to be early in " doing on your Part what may be neceſſary towards the obtaining a Re- " imburſement of the Money advanced by the Province, in way of Loan to " the Crown, for promoting the ſaid Expedition.

Burlington, Jan. 13. 1747.

J. BELCHER.

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A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill entitled, *An Act the better to prevent the concealing ſtray Cattle, Horſes and Sheep*, paſſed that Houſe this Day.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to further conſider the Grievances of the Colony. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, That the Committee had taken into further Conſideration, the Complaint againſt the Charter for Incorporating the Borough of *Trenton*, and the Manner of obtaining the ſame, and upon conſidering the ſaid Petition and Charter, were come to ſome Reſolutions thereupon, which he was ordered to report when the Houſe would be pleas'd to receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Cooper* then reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as follows,

Reſolved,
That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the obtaining the Char ter for Incorporating the Townſhips of *Trenton*, *Hopewell* and *Maidenhead*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, and part of the Townſhip of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington*, on the Petition of ſome of the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Trenton* only, and without the Knowledge and Conſent of the Majority of all the People therein concern'd, is a Grievance.

Reſolved,
That there are Powers contain'd in the ſaid Charter repugnant to Law, and directly contrary to the Rights and Priviledges of an *Engliſh* Subject.

Reſolved,
That the Execution of theſe Powers are arbitrary and illegal, and conſequently ought to be look'd upon as Grievances.

To which ſaid three Reſolves the Houſe agreed, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Wright*, and Mr. *D. Smith*, do wait upon His Excellency with a Copy of the above Reſolves, and likewiſe the Copy of the Charter, and the Petition againſt it. And to pray him to grant ſuch Relief therein as He in his Wiſdom ſhall think moſt expedient.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

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Thurſday, January 14, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Wright*, Mr. *D. Smith*, and himſelf, waited upon His Excellency with the Meſſage of Yeſterday.

The Buſineſs of the Houſe being this Day before ſeveral Committees.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, January 15, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that he Yeſterday, after the Houſe adjourned, received a Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, which he delivered in, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council had Yeſterday paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security*, &c.

The *Speaker* likewiſe acquainted the Houſe, that he had received another Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, which he delivered in the Words following.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Kemble* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Louderbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth*, and *Barbara*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, for their Concurrence.' And the ſaid Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, January 16, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Louderbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Barbara, his three Daughters*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading, and was read accordingly, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Brick*, carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have paſſed the ſame this Day.

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Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee appointed on the Accounts of the Commiſſioners for victualling and tranſporting the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, for the Reduction of *Canada*, reported the ſame, which was read, and is as follows,

We the Committee appointed by the Houſe of Aſſembly, to examine and ſettle the Accounts of the Commiſſioners for Victualling and Tranſporting the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony for the Reduction of *Canada*, Do hereby report and certify, That We have carefully inſpected and examined the ſaid Accounts and Vouchers, and do find, that *Jacob Spicer*, *Stephen Williams*, and *Joſeph Scattergood*, the *Weſtern* Commiſſioners, have received of the Treaſurer of the *Weſtern* Diviſion, the Sum of *One Thouſand Four Hundred and Nineteen Pounds, Seven Shillings and Nine-pence*, Proclamation-Money. And that the ſaid *Weſtern* Commiſſioners have paid and laid out all the ſaid Money, which they have ſo received from the ſaid Treaſurer for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, in Proviſions according to Law, for the Uſe of the ſaid Forces, except the Sum of *Three Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Three Shillings and Ten-pence*, Proclamation-Money, which ſaid Sum is the Balance due from, and now remains in the Hands of the ſaid *Weſtern* Commiſſioners.

And that we alſo do find that the *Eaſtern* Commiſſioners have received of the Treaſurer of the *Eaſtern* Diviſion, the Sum of *Three Thouſand Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny-half-penny*, Proclamation-Money aforeſaid, and that the ſaid *Eaſtern* Commiſſioners have laid out all the Money which they have received from the ſaid Treaſurer, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, in Proviſions according to Law, for the Uſe of the ſaid Forces, except the Sum of *One Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds and Eight-pence-farthing*, Proclamation-Money aforeſaid, which ſaid laſt Sum is the Ballance due from the ſaid *Eaſtern* Commiſſioners, and is now in the Hands of *Pontius Stelle*, one of the ſaid Commiſſioners of the ſaid *Eaſtern* Diviſion, which ſaid two Sums, in the whole amount to the Sum of *Five Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence-farthing*, Proclamation-Money. And that the ſaid Accounts of the ſaid *Weſtern* and *Eaſtern* Commiſſioners are herewith delivered unto this Houſe. Dated the 16th Day of *January*, *Annoque Domini*. 1747-8.

By Order of the Committee,

P. KEARNY, *Chairman*.

To which Report the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Commiſſioners, who have of the Outſtanding Money in their Hands, do forthwith pay the ſame to either of the Treaſurers of this Province.

Ordered,

That the Clerk ſerve the ſaid Commiſſioners with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himſelf delivered the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Louderbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth,*

and

and Barbara, &c. to Mr. *Leonard*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, January 18, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, January 19, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſome of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Eſſex*, *Middleſex*, *Somerſet*, *Hunterdon*, *Bergen*, and *Morris*, in behalf of themſelves and thoſe who ſigned the former Petition, concerning the Controverſies of Titles of Land in the aboveſaid Counties, ſetting forth, that their Grievances firſt aroſe, and ſtill ſubſiſts, by reaſon their Opponents claim their Land under Conveyances made in *Great-Britain*, which they have not ſeen, and cannot readily inform themſelves of, the ſecure purchaſing under thoſe Titles, *&c.* And that one of the Judges, before whom all Land Cauſes muſt be tryed, is ſo greatly intereſted in obtaining Judgment againſt their Titles: And that another is ſtrongly ſuſpected of being intereſted the ſame Way, and not only ſo, but the Sheriffs and other Officers were appointed by the late Governor MORRIS, whoſe Family being greatly in the Proprietary-Intereſt, gives them great Uneaſineſs; and the more ſo, when they ſaw their reaſonable Propoſal to purchaſe their Poſſeſſions were rejected with Diſdain, and Multitudes of Suits brought againſt them when they were poor and unable to defend againſt ſuch rich and powerful Claimers. This (they ſay) was the true Cauſe of the Confuſions and Diſorders that has happened among them in the aboveſaid Counties, and not from any *Diſloyalty* to Our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the *Second*, and was entered upon with the utmoſt Reluctancy by thoſe that had a Hand in them, as the only Remedy to poſſeſs their Lands for the Preſervation of their Families, 'til they could obtain Time to know the Foundation of theſe Claimers Titles from *England*, or have a Tryal there before His Majeſty. They therefore pray the Houſe would be pleas'd to interceed with His Excellency, to appoint diſintereſted Judges to Judge of their Titles; and to remove thoſe Sheriffs and other Officers of Juſtice that have prejudic'd their Caſe in favour of thoſe that claim their Lands, and by whoſe Induſtry and Influence they ſtrongly ſuſpect the late Diſorders in Defence of their Lands only, have have been ſtiled *Rebellion* againſt His Majeſty, which they utterly abhor, and are as far from imagining, as the moſt dutiful Subjects in *Great-Britain*, who have ſo loyally ſhewn their Duty in aſſiſting to extinguiſh the late horrid *Rebellion* in favour of a *Popiſh Pretender*. And they moſt humbly and earneſtly pray, the Houſe would take their diſtreſſed Condition into Conſideration, and paſs an Act of *Indemnity* in the Petitioner's Fa-

Favour, if poſſible, this preſent Seſſion. And they further pray, to have a reaſonable Time allow'd them, to collect proper Vouchers and Materials from *Great-Britain* in order, firſt of all, to defend the following Tryals, *viz.* *John Coleman*, of *Maidenhead*, ſettled on the 15,000 Acres, being *Tatham*'s Title: And *Joſeph Golder*, of *Hopewell*, ſettled on the 30,000 Acres, being *Revell*'s Title, both ejected by *John Coxe*, Eſq;

They further ſet forth, that the ſeveral Purchaſers are ready and willing to have a fair Tryal before impartial and diſintereſted Judges, and whoever is Caſt here, they ſhall be obliged to appeal home to His Majeſty in Council, for a final Deciſion of the Matters, or give up the Caſe here. Otherwiſe leave it to diſintereſted, impartial and upright Men, choſen out of *Boſton*, *Rhode-Iſland*, and *Connecticut*, to make a final Deciſion of the Matter, by Way of Arbitration.

Which ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Richard Smith* from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the preſent diſorders in the Colony, reported, that the Committees of the Council and Aſſembly having met in a free conferrence to conſider of Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the Riots and preſent diſorders in the Colony, and having carefully conſider'd and conferr'd upon the preſent diſtracted ſtate of the Province, occaſion'd by the ſaid Riots, are unanimouſly of Opinion, that it will be neceſſary that the Legiſlature ſhould interpoſe, in Order to reſtore the Peace of the Province and give force to the Laws of the Country, which have been moſt notoriouſly violated; for which purpoſe the Committees are of Opinion that effectual Meaſures ſhould be taken by the Legiſlature to ſtrengthen the Hands of His Majeſty's Government, ſo as to enable them to carry the Laws of the Land into Execution, that His Majeſty's Subjects may again enjoy the Benefit and Protection of them, and that a proper Act or Acts ſhould be propos'd and paſs'd for preventing the like inteſtine Troubles for the Time to come. The Committee further agreed, that the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Aſſembly ſhould propoſe it to their Houſe, to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills for thoſe Purpoſes.

The Committee of this Houſe do further report, that it was under Conſideration of the Committees in Conferrence, whether if the Governor would be pleas'd to extend the Kings Pardon to thoſe who had offended, it would not be conducive to the putting an end to the preſent Diſorders, and reſtoring the Peace of the Colony: To which the Committee of the Council had no Objection, but ſaid, that as that was a Power intruſted with his Excellency, ſo it was wholly at his Diſpoſal. Some of the Committee of this Houſe, by order of the Committee, have therefore waited on the Governor, who was pleas'd to ſignify his willingneſs, that a Bill ſhould be ſent down to extend his Majeſty's Grace and Favour, as far as he was impower'd to extend it.

Which ſaid Report was agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

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The Houſe met.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Secretary*, acquainting the Houſe, that His Excellency required the Attendance of the Houſe in the Council Chamber immediately, whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency, being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and inform'd the Houſe, that His Excellency was pleas'd to give his Aſſent to the Six following Acts.

An Act for Naturalizing Peter Lauderbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth and Barbara *his Three Daughters.*

An Act to continue An Act entitled, An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions.*

An Act the better to prevent the conccaling of ſtray Cattle, Horſes and Sheep.

An Act to impower ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Burlington *and* Glouceſter, *and others, to erect and build a Draw or Swinging Bridge over* Coopers Creek *in the ſaid County of* Glouceſter, *and for appointing Commiſſioners to lay out a more direct Road from* Burlington *over ſaid Bridge to* Coopers Ferries.

An Act for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of Salem *into a ſeperate County and aſcertaining the Boundaries of the ſeveral Precincts therein.*

An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs in this Colony of New-Jerſey *to give Security, and take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed, for the due diſcharge of their Offices and to prevent their too long Continuance therein.*

Mr. *Speaker* likewiſe informed the Houſe, that His Excellency was pleas'd to make a favourable Speech, of which, to prevent miſtakes, he had obtain'd a Copy, which was read and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

'THE laſt Poſt brought me a Letter from Mr. SHIRLEY, Governor of 'His Majeſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſetts* Bay, with the Reſult of 'Commiſſioners appointed from that Government, *New-York* and *Connecti-* 'cut, reſpecting an Expedition to be undertaken againſt *Crown-Point*, which 'Letter and the Papers it inclos'd, the Secretary will lay before you.——And 'I earneſtly recommend your joining with theſe Provinces in this Important 'Enterprize, which if it pleaſes God to ſucceed, may, in its Conſequences, 'greatly Contribute to the future Safety, Peace and Proſperity of this and of 'all His Majeſty's Provinces in *North America*; and in your deliberations on 'this Matter you will find it requires all poſſible diſpatch.

Gentlemen,

'I am glad to underſtand that a Committee of His Majeſty's Council and 'of the Houſe of General Aſſembly have met once and again, upon what I early

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‘ recommended to You of going into ſome effectual Meaſures for ſuppreſſing ‘ the Tumults rais'd by a Number of Rioters, who have lately repeated their ‘ bold and dareing Attempts to throw off their allegiance to the KING, and ‘ have treated the wholeſome Laws of the Province with the greateſt con- ‘ tempt; and if theſe things ſtill go on, they muſt ſoon ſubvert the Govern- ‘ ment, and bring this People into a State of Anarchy and Confuſion. But I ‘ hope We ſhall, as one Man, be ſo alarm'd, as to the utmoſt in our Power ‘ to prevent ſo dreadful a Calamity.

‘ I am glad, *Gentlemen*, You have agreed in ſeveral Bills for His Majeſty's ‘ Service and Intereſt, and for the Weal of this People, and to which I have ‘ now given my aſſent. As this Court has been ſetting nine Weeks, at a great ‘ expence, I hope You will with Calmneſs and Unanimity, and with all pru- ‘ dent diſpatch, go through ſuch neceſſary Affairs as may ſtill remain to be ‘ done on Your Parts, and on mine You will find no delay, that an end ‘ may be put to this long Seſſions which I depend would be acceptable to ‘ us all.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Speech have a ſecond reading To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the report of the Committee appointed to conſider of Ways and Means for ſuppreſſing the preſent diſorders in the Colony.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Demareſt*, Mr. *Richard Smith*, Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Cook*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill *to prevent Riots and diſorders in the Colony of* New-Jerſey.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, January 20. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech, according to the Order of Yeſterday, was read the ſecond time, and committed to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

According to the Order of the Day, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Grievances of the Colony: After ſometime ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred.

Several Papers were ſent into the Houſe relating to the Diſputes of Land in *Bergen* County, which was read, and referred to be conſider'd on the ſecond reading of their Petition.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, January 21, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the Houſe, a Meſſage he Yeſterday receiv'd from the Council, after the Houſe adjourn'd, by Mr. *Leonard*, in the Words following.

'*January* 20, 1747. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Leonard* do carry to the Houſe 'of Aſſembly the Papers referr'd to in His Excellency's Speech of Yeſterday, 'and acquaint them, that this Houſe are willing to join with them in ſuch 'Meaſures as may be judg'd neceſſary for this Province to take, for the 'common Defence of His Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent, for the An-'noyance of His Majeſty's Enemies, and for ſecuring the Fidelity of the 'Six Nations of Indians, and their Allies, to His Majeſty and their Friend-'ſhip to the *Engliſh*.

Mr. *Speaker* likewiſe communicated to the Houſe, the ſeveral Papers mentioned in the ſaid Meſſage, which were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* further informed the Houſe, that after the Houſe adjourn'd, he alſo received another Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Leonard*, which he deliver'd in, and the ſame is as follows.

'*January* 20, 1747. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Leonard* do carry to the Houſe 'of Aſſembly, the Bill entitled, '*An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the* '*Quota's of the ſeveral Counties of this Colony* &c. together with the Amend-'ments made thereto by this Houſe, and deſire the Concurrence of the 'Houſe of Aſſembly thereto.' Which ſaid Bill, with the Amendments was read.

Reſolved,

That this Houſe doth agree to the firſt Amendment reſpecting the Title, and diſagrees to the ſecond and third, and adheres to the Bill in them Parts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Cooper* do carry the ſaid Bill, with the ſaid Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them with the Reſolution of this Houſe thereupon.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, in the Words following,

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Morris* do carry the Bill, entitled, '*An Act for running* '*and aſcertaining the Line of Partition and Diviſion betwixt this Province* '*of* New-Jerſey, *and the Province of* New-York, to the Houſe of Aſſem-'bly for their Concurrence.'

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be read in the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

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The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for running and aſcertaining the Line of Partition and Diviſion betwixt this Province of* New-Jerſey, *and the Province of* New-York, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himſelf waited upon the Council with the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's*, &c. with the Amendments to the ſame, and deliver'd them to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, January 22, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that he laſt Evening, received a Meſſage from the Council, with a Bill by Mr. *Coxe*, both which he delivered in, and the Meſſage is as follows.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Coxe* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for puniſhing the Coiners and Counterfeitors of foreign Coins paſſing current, and the Counterfeitors of Bills of Credit of this Province,* to the Aſſembly, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have paſſed the ſame, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Which ſaid Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider His Excellency's Speech, and the Papers referred to therein, relating to the Affair of *Crown-Point*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *R. Smith*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Commiſſioners for arming and cloathing the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, for the Reduction of *Canada*, reported, that the Committee have carefully examined the ſaid Accounts, and Vouchers, and do find that the *Weſtern* Commiſſioners have received of the Treaſurers, the Sum of *Sixteen Hundred Sixty-eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence*, Proclamation-Money, of which they have paid out according to Law, the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Thirty-five Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four-pence*, ſo that there remains in their Hands, the Sum of *One Hundred Thirty-two Pounds and Eighteen Shillings.*

And

And alſo that the *Eaſtern* Commiſſioners have received of the Treaſurers, the Sum of *Seven Thouſand Four Hundred Thirty-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five-pence*, of like Money, of which they have paid out according to Law, the Sum of *Seven Thouſand Three Hundred Thirty-five Pounds Eleven Shillings and One Penny*, ſo that there remains in their Hands, the Sum of *Ninety-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Three-pence*.

On the whole, they find, that the Commiſſioners of both Diviſions have paid out according to Law, the Sum of *Eight Thouſand Eight Hundred Seventy-one Pounds Two Shillings and Five-pence*, agreeable to their Accounts laid before the Houſe. And that there ſtill remain in the Treaſurers Hands of the *Ten Thouſand Pounds* provided for that Purpoſe, when the above Balances are repaid back to them, the Sum of *One Thouſand One Hundred Twenty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Seven-pence*, beſides a Credit given in the ſaid Accounts, of *One Hundred Twenty-one Pounds and Eighteen Shillings*, for Remnants of Cloth, Linen, *&c.* which *A. Johnſton*, Eſq; Treaſurer of the *Eaſtern* Diviſion is to account for.

By Order of the Committee,
RICHARD SMITH, *jun. Chairman.*

Which ſaid Report was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Commiſſioners who have of the ſaid Outſtanding Money in their Hands, do forthwith pay the ſame to either of the Treaſurers of this Province, and that the Clerk do ſerve the Commiſſioners for each Diviſion with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Treaſurers do lay the Account of the ſame before the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to ſettle the ſaid Treaſurers Accounts. And alſo the Account of the Outſtanding Money from the Commiſſioners for Victualling and Tranſporting the ſaid Forces.

Ordered,
That the *Speaker* do certify, on the ſeveral Accounts for Arming and Cloathing, *&c.* that are to go to *Great-Britain*, in order to be laid before the Parliament, relating to the intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, that the ſame have been carefully examined, inſpected, and approved of, by the General Aſſembly.

Reſolved,
That *Richard Patridge*, Eſq; Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, be impowered, and he is hereby impowered to apply for, and receive, for the Uſe of this Colony, the Money advanced for His Majeſty's Service, by Way of Loan, for the Arming and Cloathing the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, for the Reduction of *Canada*, ſo ſoon as the Parliament ſhall be pleaſed to allow of, and Order a Reimburſement of the ſame.

Ordered

Ordered,

That *Richard Smith*, jun. and *William Cook*, Eſqrs. and Mr. *Speaker* and *John Eatton*, Eſq; the Perſons appointed to correſpond with the Agent, or ſome of them, do give him timely Notice thereof, and forward the Accounts to him, to be laid before the Parliament, and deſire he would uſe all proper Meaſures to get the ſame expedited.

Reſolved,

That *Richard Smith*, jun. and *William Cook*, Eſqrs. upon their having an Account of the Agent's having received the ſaid Money, ſhall have, and they are hereby inveſted with Power, to draw for the ſame by Way of Bills of Exchange, and ſell and receive the Money therefor. And when they have ſo received the ſaid Money, they ſhall pay the ſame, to either of the Treaſurers of this Province, that the Bills of Credit, made on that Occaſion may be ſunk according to Law.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, January 23, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to further conſider His Excellency's Speech, and the Papers referred to therein, relating to the Affair of *Crown-Point*. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referr'd, which he was ordered to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* then reported, that the Committee have carefully and deliberately conſidered the Matters recommended to them by His Excellency, in relation to the Expedition propos'd againſt *Crown-Point*, and have thereupon Unanimouſly agreed to report, That the Scheme is new, and to them altogether unknown till a few Days ſince, and that the Propoſitions contained therein, appear to them ſomewhat ſurprizing and extraordinary, particularly that of the Commiſſioners, for having a Quota (as they call it) ſettled upon the Colonies who do not immediately come into the ſaid Scheme, without either timely conſulting the ſaid Colonies, or allowing them any of the common Priviledges or Management in the ſaid Expedition. The Committee obſerve from Governor SHIRLEY's Letter, that the time fixed for the Meeting of the Commiſſioners at *Middleton* in *Connecticut*, is already elapſed. The Application to this Government is therefore, in that reſpect, too late. And as it does not appear to this Committee, that the Governments of *New-York* and *Connecticut* have agreed to the Reſult of the Aſſembly of the *Maſſachuſetts*, the Scheme propos'd appears to the ſaid Committee unfiniſh'd, and this Colony's joining therein would conſequently be an acquieſcing to a Scheme, which, for aught we know, is yet unconcluded and incompleat, and poſſibly may never be carried into Execution. And perhaps unknown to His Majeſty, which if ſo, our engaging therein might not be very prudent.

But our preſent Condition is realy ſuch, that to ſet it forth, will we apprehend ſufficiently plead our excuſe. The late Expedition to the *Weſt-Indies* and *Canada*, have ſo drain'd this Province of Men, that there are now ſcarcely ſufficient in the Colony to do the neceſſary Labour; and if more were to be ſent out, our Lands muſt remain uncultivated, and our Country, in a great Meaſure, defenceleſs.

The ſaid late Expeditions have likewiſe left the Province very much in Debt, and we are from thence rendered wholly uncapable to aſſiſt in the Affair propos'd. Beſides theſe Conſiderations, it is very well known, this is a Province but thinly Inhabited, our Frontiers, on the Sea, are a very conſiderable Extent, above *three Hundred* Miles, lying expoſed to the Attempts of the Enemy. And a current Rumour at this time prevails, of an *Expedition* intended this next Spring from the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies* againſt our neighbouring Province of *Pennſylvania*, *to obviate which* ('tis preſum'd) *they are forming themſelves into a ſort of Militia at this time*; * And which, if true, may nearly affect this Province alſo. This being the preſent Circumſtance of this Colony, muſt excuſe us from aſſiſting in this important Affair.

Notwithſtanding which, we wiſh the Governments concerned therein, all deſirable Succeſs, and ſhould gladly have join'd with them (if our Abilities had permitted) in an Affair which, ſo far as it may relate to the fixing and preſerving the *Weſtern Indians* in the King's Intereſt, appears in its Conſequences greatly advantagous to all the *Britiſh Colonies* in *North America*.

This Committee think it neceſſary further to declare it as their Opinion, that Proviſion ſhould be from Time to Time made, as Occaſion may require, for defraying the neceſſary Expences that may ariſe by the legal calling the Forces of this Colony together, for the repelling and ſuppreſſing Invaſions, Inſurrections, and Rebellions, or for the Aſſiſtance of the Neighbouring Colonies, or upon any neceſſary Occaſion whatever.

The Committee have the Satisfaction to reflect, that this Colony have upon all Occaſions, wherein they have had His Majeſty's Commands, very readily yielded obedience thereto, and exerted themſelves to the utmoſt, at times even beyond their Abilities for His Majeſty's Service. They are therefore of Opinion, that any Applications from the Governments concerned in the propoſed Expedition, with reſpect to the Royal Injunctions, ſo far as the ſame ſhall concern this Colony, may and aught to be look'd upon inconſiſtent with that Liberty and Freedom they have hitherto enjoyed.

To which report the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Smith*, Mr. *Stelle* Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Nevill*, wait upon His Excellency with a Copy of the above Report of the Committee, and agreement of the Houſe thereto.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

* Theſe are the Words of Governor SHIRLEY, in his Letter to Governor BELCHER, on ſaid propos'd Expedition.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, January 25, 1747-8

The House met.

THE House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, January 26, 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Richard Smith* from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor with the Report of the Committee of *Saturday* last, and Agreement of the House thereto, reported, that they had performed the same.

Mr. *R. Smith*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony, to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees*, reported, that the Committee of this House had, according to the Order of the House, met the Committee of the Council thereupon, and both Committees had mutually agreed upon several Amendments thereto, which with the Bill he reported to the House, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,
That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for puniſhing the Coiners and Counterfeitors of foreign Coin paſſing current*, &c. was read the ſecond Time and committed to Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Cooper*.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration His Excellency's Meſſage of the 13th Inſtant.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Cooper*, wait upon His Excellency, and in the Name of this Houſe, return him Thanks for the ſame. And to acquaint His Excellency, that this Houſe having examined and approved of the Accounts relating to the Money lent the CROWN, for the Uſe of the late intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, upon the Encouragement given by His Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, in his Letter to the late Commander in Chief of this Colony, reſpecting a Re-imburſement of the ſame, Do deſire His Excellency will write to His Grace upon this Affair and ſollicit for Re-payment of the ſaid Money as ſoon as may be.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, January 27, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Kearny* reported, that Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cooper*, and himſelf, waited upon His Excellency with the Meſſage of Yeſterday, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would write to the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, according to the Requeſt of the Houſe, and that he would upon this, and all other Occaſions, do what lay in his Power for the Service of the Province.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for running and aſcertaining the Line of Partition and Diviſion betwixt this Province of* New-Jerſey, *and the Province of* New-York, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Cooper*.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal An Act*, entitled, *An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the* Britiſh *Plantations*, &c. acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have made Amendments thereto, and deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe to the ſame. Which ſaid Amendments were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Two *P. M.*

The

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, with the Council's Amendments, now entitled, *An Act to ſuſpend the Execution of An Act*, entitled, *An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the* Britiſh *Plantations in the* Weſt-Indies: *And of ſuch Wines as may lawfully be imported from the Places of their Growth, Product, and Manufacture, into the Eaſtern Diviſion of* New-Jerſey, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Fiſher*, carry the ſaid Bill engroſſed, with the Council's Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have this Day paſſed the ſame.

According to the Order of the Day, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Grievances of the Colony: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred.

The Petition of *Richard* and *Jonathan Borden*, complaining againſt *Joſeph Roſe*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *Joſeph Roſe* have a Copy of the ſaid Petition (if deſired,) and that both Parties attend next *Wedneſday*, with their Evidence, and that the Clerk ſerve them with a Copy of this Order.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, January 28, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill*, with leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of* Middleſex, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee to whom the Bill entitled, *An Act to regulate Pilots*, &c. was referred, reported the ſame without any Amendments, and on the Queſtion whether it be re-committed or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Yeas,

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,
Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr *Van Middlesworth*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Fisher*,	Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Van Buskirk*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
	Mr. *Demaresl*,	Mr. *Brick*,
		Mr. *Mott*,

Ordered,
That the said Bill lie on the Table.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself delivered the Bill with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to suspend the Execution of An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the* British *Plantations*, &c. to Mr. *Rodman*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House adourn'd till Two *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday, January 29, 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself, delivered the Bill entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs*, &c. to Mr. *Coxe*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process* &c. *in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of* Middlesex, was read the second time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr.

Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for the ſuppreſſing and preventing of Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies within this Colony*, which was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of* Middleſex, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf carried the Bill entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Proceſs*, &c. *in the County of* Middleſex, and delivered the ſame to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, January 30. 1747.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday, February 1, 1747.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock

Tueſday, February 2. 1747.

The Houſe met.

The Bill *for the ſuppreſſing and preventing of Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies within this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the ſaid Bill.

After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for the ſuppreſſing and preventing of Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies within this Colony*, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto.

And the ſaid Bill was read with the Amendments and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wedneſday, Febuary 3. 1747.8

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Mott* prayed leave to bring in a Bill *to vacate a Charter granted to the Townſhips of* Trenton, &c. which was granted.

And he accordingly preſented a Bill to the Houſe for that purpoſe, which was received and read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee to whom the Bill from the Council *for puniſhing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of foreign Coin*, &c. was committed, reported the ſaid Bill with ſome Amendments, which were read and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that after they adjourn'd Mr. *Alexander* delivered him a Meſſage from the Council, which Mr. *Speaker* laid before the Houſe, acquainting them, that the Council have this Day paſſed the Bill *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of* Middleſex.

Mr. *Speaker* alſo laid before the Houſe, the Bill *for the better enabling the Judges and Juſtices of this Colony to aſcertain and tax Bills of Coſt*, &c. with an Amendment thereto, and a Meſſage from the Council, deſiring the Concurrence of this Houſe to the ſaid Amendment, which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid he received at the ſame time from Mr. *Alexander*. And the ſaid Amendment was read in its place, and on the Queſtion, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Amendment be engroſſed in its place in the Bill.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Grievances of the Colony. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that according to the Order of the Day, *Richard Borden*, *Jonathan Borden* and *Joſeph Roſe* attending, were called in, and the ſaid *Borden's* Petition was read, and Mr. *Roſe's* Anſwer was alſo read, and the Parties and Evidences were heard, and then they by Order withdrew.

And that the Committee having conſidered the ſame, the Queſtion was put whether the *Bordens* have ſufficiently ſupported the Allegations ſet forth in

in their Petition to the Houſe, againſt *Joſeph Roſe* or not; and it paſſed in the Negative. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, February 4, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Bill *to vacate a Charter granted to the Townſhips of* Trenton *&c.* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Wright* and Mr. *Demareſt*.

The Bill engroſſed, with the Council's Amendment, entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Juſtices of this Colony to aſcertain and tax Bills of Coſt*, &c. was read and compared.

Reſolved,

That the ſame as now engroſſed do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Low* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and inform them, that this Houſe having agreed to their Amendment, and the ſame being engroſſed in its place in the Bill, have paſſed the Bill as now engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf delivered the Bill, with the Meſſage entruſted to them this Morning, to the *Speaker* in Council.

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee, to whom the Bill *to vacate a Charter granted to the Townſhips of* Trenton, *&c.* was committed, reported the ſame, with ſome Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee to whom the Bill *for running and aſcertaining the Line of Partition and Diviſion betwixt this Province of* New-Jerſey, *and the Province of* New-York, was committed, reported, the ſame with ſome Amendments, which were read and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, February 5, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to vacate a Charter granted to the Townſhips of* Trenton, Hopewell, *and* Maidenhead, *in the County of* Hunterdon, *and part of the Townſhip of* Nottingham, *in the County of* Burlington, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion. *Reſolved*,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Mott*, and Mr. *Emley* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill *for running and aſcertaining the Line of Partition and Diviſion betwixt this Province of* New-Jerſey, *and the Province of* New-York, and the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion, were ſeverally agreed to by the Houſe, and ſome other Amendments were made to the Bill in the Houſe. And the Bill, with the Amendments, was read, and a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was at length put, whether the ſaid Bill as amended do paſs or not? And it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Kearney*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Emley*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
		Mr. *Mott*.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, February 6, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Cooper* do wait on the Council with the Bill *for running and aſcertaining the Line of Partition*, &c. and the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf delivered the Bill, with the Meſſage of the Houſe entruſted to them Yeſterday, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.
ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, February 8, 1747-8.

THE Houſe, met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, February 9, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill from the Council, *for puniſhing the Coiners, and Counterfeiters of foreign Coin*, &c. and the Bill with the ſaid Amendments was read, and on the Queſtion, whether the Bill with the Amendments do paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Emley*.	
Mr. *Demareſt*,		

Reſolved,

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee appointed in Conjunction with a Committee of the Council to examine the Treaſurers Accounts, and to examine and burn the cancelled Bills, in the Hands of *John Allen*, Eſq; reported, that the Committees had examined the ſaid Accounts, and examined and burnt the ſaid cancelled Bills and had agreed upon a Report of the ſame, which was ſigned by Order of both Committees.

And with leave the ſaid Report was read and approved of, and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as follows.

THE Committees appointed to examine the Treaſurers Accounts, having carefully examined the ſame, do agree, that *Joſeph Cooper*, Eſq; from the ſaid Committees do make the following Report to the Aſſembly, contained in the following Account.

JOHN ALLEN, Eſq; Treaſurer of the *Weſtern* Diviſion of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, Dr.

To Arrearages in *Burlington* County, as the ſame was reported at laſt Settlement in the Year 1744.		£	18	8	11		
To ſundry Deficiencies in the Intereſt-Money of the firſt 40,000*l.* as was reported at laſt Settlement in the Year 1744. in the Counties following, *viz.*	*Burlington*, £ 13 7 2½						
	Cape-May 4 7¾						
			13	11	10		
						32	0 9
To Ballance remaining due in his Hands at laſt Settlement in the Year 1744.						1392	13 3
To Intereſt-Money, payable from the *Weſtern* Counties for the 20,000*l.* in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747. *viz.*							
	Burlington,	£	131	16	5		
	Glouceſter,		89	5	0		
	Salem,		154	5	6		
	Hunterdon		73	10	0		
	Cape-May,		29	18	6		
						478	15 3
To Intereſt-Money payable from the *Weſtern* Counties for the 40,000*l.* in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747, *viz.*							
	Burlington,		624	12	6		
	Glouceſter,		430	1	3		
	Salem,		729	11	6		
	Cape-May,		152	8	00		
	Hunterdon,		365	10	00		
						2302	3 3
To Caſh received from *Iſaac de Cow*, one of the Signers of the Bills dated 1737, being part of the 4000*l.* ordered to be ſigned for victualling the Forces by Act paſſed in 1746.			1997	3	6		
To Caſh repaid to the ſaid Treaſurer, per his Account, by the Commiſſioners for victualling the Forces per Order of the Houſe of Aſſembly, in part,			385	2	5		
To a Deficiency of the Sum ordered to be repaid			7	1	5		
						2389	7 4
						£ 6594	19 10
To Caſh received of *Iſaac de Cow*, one of the Signers of the Bills of Credit made current by Act in 1746, lent the CROWN for arming and cloathing the Forces.						5000	00 00
To Caſh ordered by the Houſe of Aſſembly to be returned to the ſaid Treaſurer by the *Weſtern* Commiſſioners for arming and cloathing the Forces.						132	18 00
						£ 5132	18 00
To Bills of Credit remaining in ſaid Treaſurers Hands, as reported at laſt Settlement in 1744, the Sum of						*253	8 9½

Which ſaid Sum of *l.* 253 8 9½ the Committees do find to be part of a Sum, which upon the Report of the Committees of both Houſes in 1730, was ordered to be exchanged for Bills, dated in 1724, which were to be cancelled and deſtroyed; but the Committees are informed the Treaſurer after

* This Sum is included in the Ballance above. See the Report in 1742, and a Minute Feb. 17. 1747-8.

after ſome Time, refuſed to exchange ſuch Bills, by Virtue of that Order, by Means whereof ſome of thoſe Bills dated in 1724 remain yet to be exchanged; They are therefore humbly of Opinion, that it would be for the Honour and Credit of the Province, that Proviſion be made as ſoon as conveniently may be, to enable the ſaid Treaſurer to exchange ſuch of the ſaid Bills dated in 1724 as are ſtill Outſtanding, for the Bills now current; and to that End, That publick Notice be given in the News-Papers of *Philadelphia*, and *New-York*, that all Perſons poſſeſſed of any of the aforeſaid Bills, are deſired to ſend them to the aforeſaid Treaſurer, or the Treaſurer of the *Weſtern* Diviſion for the Time being, who ſhall give a Receipt for ſuch Bills, in order that he may lay them before the GENERAL ASSEMELY, at their next Seſſion, to be examined, to the End that Proviſion may then be made for exchanging the ſame.

JOHN ALLEN, Eſq; Treaſurer of the *Weſtern* Diviſion of the Province of *New-Jerſey*. Cr.

By a Deficiency at laſt Settlement in the County of *Burlington*, ſtill unpaid.				£. 18	8	11
By ſundry Deficiencies in the Intereſt of the firſt 40,000*l.* ſtill unpaid by the ſeveral Counties following.						
	Burlington,	13	7 2½			
	Cape-May,	00	4 7½			
				13	11	10
					32	00 9
By ſundry Warrants and Receipts produced, and endorſed by Order of the Committees as accounted for and examined, amounting in the whole to					2381	14 6
By Caſh paid to Captains *Dagworthy* and *Ware*, for Bounty-Money				1200	00	00
By Subſiſtance-Money paid ſaid Captains,				242	00	3
By Caſh paid *Stephen Williams* and *Joſeph Scattergood*, two of the Commiſſioners for victualling and tranſporting the Forces.				555	3	3
By a Deficiency in the *Weſtern* Commiſſioners Hands.				7	1	5
					2004	4 11
Ballance in the Treaſurer's Hands,					2176	19 8
				£.	6594	19 10

The ſaid Treaſurer prays Allowance for exchanging the Sum of *l.* 510 00 00 of ragged Bills, whilſt the Law for allowing 2½ *per Cent.* was in Force, which the Committees are of Opinion ought to be allowed, when a Warrant is produced for the ſame, *l.* 12 15 00.

By Caſh delivered the Commiſſioners for arming and cloathing the Forces as by Account examined by the Committees appears,	4828	00	6
By Caſh in the Hands of the *Weſtern* Commiſſioners,	132	18	00
Ballance in the ſaid Treaſurers Hands	171	19	6
l.	5132	18	00

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT H. MORRIS,
JOSEPH COOPER.

The ſaid Committees do further agree, that Mr. *Joſeph Cooper*, from the ſaid Committees, do make the following Report to the Houſe of Aſſembly, contained in the following Accounts.

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Eſq; Treaſurer of the *Eaſtern* Diviſion of *New-Jerſey*. Dr.

To ſundry Arrearages, as the ſame was reported at laſt Settlement in 1744, in the following Counties, *viz.*	*Middleſex*,	*l.* 18	18	5¼			
	Ditto, in 1730	25	00	00			
		43	18	5¼			
	Sommerſet,	18	3	00			
					62	1	5¼
To ſundry Deficiencies in the Intereſt-Money, as per Report at ſaid Settlement, *viz.*	*Bergen*,	21	4	9¼			
	Eſſex,	72	6	5¼			
	Middleſex,	38	12	7¼			
					132	3	10¼
To the Ballance remaining in his Hands at laſt Settlement, in 1744					4026	7	11¼
To Intereſt-Money, payable from the *Eaſtern* Counties for the 20,000*l.* in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747, *viz.*	*Bergen*,	86	5	9			
	Eſſex,	145	1	9			
	Middleſex,	123	8	3			
	Monmouth,	184	00	3			
	Sommerſet,	37	17	6			
					576	13	6
To Intereſt-Money, payable from the *Eaſtern* Counties for the 40,000*l.* in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747, *viz.*	*Bergen*,	412	8	6			
	Eſſex,	688	1	6			
	Middleſex,	575	3	6			
	Monmouth,	862	8	3			
	Sommerſet,	191	5	00			
					2729	6	9
To Caſh received from *Robert Hude*, Eſq; one of the Signers of the Bills of Credit, dated in 1737, part of the 4000*l.* ordered to be ſigned for victualling the Forces, by Act paſſed in 1746, the Sum of,		*l.* 2000	00	00			
To Caſh received from *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; one of the Signers of the Bills ſtruck in 1746, for the ſecond Supply of Proviſions for the Forces againſt *Canada*.		850	00	00			
To Caſh received from *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; one of the Signers of the Bills ſtruck in 1746, for the third Supply of Proviſions for the ſaid Forces.		1000	00	00			
To Caſh repaid to the ſaid Treaſurer by *Pontius Stelle*, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners for victualling the ſaid Forces, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe of Assembly, being the Ballance due from the *Eaſtern* Commiſſioners.		191	00	8¼			
					4041	00	8¼
					l. 11567	14	2¼
To Caſh received of *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; one of the Signers of the Bills of Credit made current by an Act in 1746, lent the Crown, for arming and cloathing the Forces.					5000	00	00
To Caſh received from the *Weſtern* Treaſury by the Hands of *Samuel Nevill*, *Charles Read*, and *John Low*, Eſqrs. Commiſſioners for arming and cloathing the Forces.					3475	00	00
To Caſh repaid the ſaid Treaſurer by the *Eaſtern* Commiſſioners, by Order of the Houſe of Assembly.					99	2	3
To ſundry Remnants of the Cloathing, *&c.* with which the ſaid Treaſurer chargeth himſelf.					121	18	00
					l. 8696	00	3

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Esq; Treasurer of the *Eastern* Division of *New-Jersey*. Cr.

By sundry Deficiencies still Outstanding in the following Counties, *viz.*							
	Middlesex,	18	18	5¼			
	Ditto, in 1730,	25	00	00			
					43	18	5¾
	Sommerset,				18	3	00
						62	1 5¼
By sundry Deficiencies in the Interest-Money, as reported in 1744. and still Outstanding in the following Counties, *viz.*							
	Bergen.				21	4	9¼
	Essex,				72	6	5¾
	Middlesex,				38	12	7¼
						132	3 10¼
By sundry Warrants and other Vouchers produced and endorsed by the Committees, as accounted for, amounting in the whole, to						1194	6 00
By paid Bounty-Money to Captains *Parker*, *Stevens*, and *Leonard*,					*l.* 1800	00	00
By paid to said Captains, Subsistence-Money					308	14	9
By paid the Commissioners appointed for victualling the Forces					1442	12	1½
By paid Messrs. *Fisher*, *Eatton*, and *Stelle*, Commissioners for the second Supply of Provisions,					850	00	00
By paid Messrs. *Eatton*, and *Stelle*, Commissioners for the third Supply of Provisions,					1000	00	00
						5401	6 10½
Ballance in the Treasurers Hands						4777	16 00½
						£. 11567	14 2½

The said Treasurer in his Account, prays Allowance for *l.* 476 5 0. paid for Subsistance of the Five Companies, after the Day of Muster, which is provided for by the *Support* Bill.

The said Treasurer also laid before the Committees, a *Memorandum* of Interest-Money, due from several Counties, still Outstanding, *viz.*

Bergen,	142	7	00
Essex,	236	14	5
Monmouth,	151	00	2
Sommerset, (for which Actions are commenced against the Commissioners.	404	12	9
	£. 934	14	4

With which the said Treasurer is charged in the above Account.

By Cash delivered the Commissioners for arming and cloathing the Forces, and retained in his Hands as one of them, and accounted for by him and them, as by Account delivered in, examined and allowed of, appears.			7750	2 3
Ballance			*l.* 945	18 00
			£. 8696	00 3

By Order of the Committees,

ROBERT H. MORRIS,
JOSEPH COOPER.

The ſaid Committees being alſo appointed to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit, agree that Mr. *Joſeph Cooper*, make the following Report to the Houſe of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *viz.*

THAT there ſhould have been cancelled in Bills of Credit, and brought into the Treaſury of the *Weſtern* Diviſion from the ſeveral Counties therein, of the 20,000*l.* in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747, and of the 40,000*l.* in the Years 1746, and 1747, as follows, *viz.*

Burlington.	Of the 20,000*l.* in each Year	308 15 00	is	926 5 00		
	Of the 40,000*l.*	617 10 00		1235 00 00		
					2161	5 00
Glouceſter,	Of the 20,000*l.* in each Year,	214 7 6	is	643 2 6		
	Of the 40,000*l.*	428 15 00		857 10 00		
	A Deficiency, reported in 1744.			34 10 00		
					1535	2 6
Salem,	Of the 20,000*l.* in each Year,	360 5 00	is	1080 15 00		
	Of the 40,000*l.*	720 10 00		1441 00 00		
	A Deficiency, reported in 1744.			47 1 6		
					2568	16 6
Cape-May,	Of the 20,000*l.* in each Year,	78 00 00	is	234 00 00		
	Of the 40,000*l.*	156 00 00		312 00 00		
					546	00 00
Hunterdon,	Of the 20,000*l.* in each Year,	185 00 00	is	555 00 00		
	Of the 40,000*l.*	370 00 00		740 00 00		
					1295	00 00
					£.8106	4 00

THAT the ſaid *Treaſurer laid before the Committees 38 Bundles of cancelled Bills, which were examined and burnt by them, brought into the Treaſury from the ſeveral Counties as follows, *viz.*

Burlington,	3 Bundles, containing	2161	5 00
Glouceſter,	7	1535	2 6
Salem,	16	1487	10 00
Cape-May	3	546	00 00
Hunterdon,	9	1292	13 00
		7022	10 6
By which it appears that *Salem* is deficient	1031 6 6		
Hunterdon,	2 7 00		
		1083	13 6
		8106	4 00

THAT the ſaid *Treaſurer alſo laid before the Committees, one Bundle of cancelled ragged and torn Bills, receeived by him in exchange for new Bills, which ragged Bills were examined and burnt by the Committees, amounting to *l.* 1511 00 00.

By Order of the Committees, { ROBERT H. MORRIS. JOSEPH COOPER.

The Houſe adjourned till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council delivered to Mr. *Speaker* by Mr. *Leonard*, with the Bill to repeal part of *An Act for preſerving of Timber*, &c. acquainting the Houſe, that they have paſſed the Bill with ſome Amendments to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe. *Ordered*,

* JOHN ALLEN, Eſq;

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, paſſed the Council this Day.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf, had delivered the Bill *for puniſhing the Coiners*, &c. with the Meſſage of the Houſe, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, February 10, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Bill to repeal part of an Act, *for preſerving of Timber*, &c. engroſſed as amended by the Council, now entitled, *An Act to ſuſpend the Execution of part of An Act* entitled, *An Act for preſerving of Timber in the Eaſtern Diviſion of the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *and all Sorts of Trees in the Bounds of the Patent or Charter of the Townſhips of* Bergen *that lies in Common*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,
That the Bill as now engroſſed do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Fiſher* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe having agreed to their Amendments, and the Bill being engroſſed as amended have paſs'd the ſame.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Bill with the Meſſage to the *Speaker* in Council.

The Petition of ſome of the Inhabitants of *Eſſex*, *Middleſex*, *Somerſet*, *Hunterdon*, *Bergen* and *Morris*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Fiſher*, do wait on His Excellency with the ſaid Petition, and pray him to grant, *An Act of Indemnity*, according to the Prayer of the Petition in that behalf.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this Houſe to the Bill *for running and aſcertaining the Line of Partition and Diviſion betwixt this Province of* New-Jerſey, *and the Province of* New-York, and ordering him to carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments, with the Re-engroſſment thereof to this Houſe to be compared and ſigned.

And he delivered the ſame to Mr. *Speaker* accordingly.

And the ſaid Re-engroſſed Bill was read and compared;

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* Sign the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Cooper* carry the ſaid Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have compared the ſaid Bill, and that Mr. *Speaker* hath ſigned the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council acquainting the Houſe, that the Council adheres to their ſecond and third Amendments to the Bill, *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas*, &c. and that they requeſt a Conference on the Subject Matter of ſaid Amendments, and that the Council have appointed Mr. *Alexander* and Mr. *Coxe*, to be a Committee to conferr with ſuch Committee as this Houſe ſhall appoint on the ſaid ſubject Matter, and that the Committees do meet at the Widow *Hunlokes* at Five o'Clock this Afternoon.

And a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put, whether the Houſe agrees to have a Conference or not? And it paſſed in the Negative.

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Kearney*,
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Emley*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Mott*.	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Fiſher*, do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe do not agree to a Conference on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Kearny* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himſelf delivered the Bill, with the Meſſage committed to them this Morning, to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf delivered the above Meſſage to Mr. *Chief Juſtice*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Van Buſkirk* do take Care that Advertiſements be publiſhed in the News Papers purſuant to the Report of the Committees on the Treaſurers Accounts for three Weeks.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, February 11, 1747.8.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that according to the Order of Yeſterday, the other Members appointed with himſelf, waited on His Excellency with the Petition and Meſſage of the Houſe, and delivered the ſame to His Excellency.

The Houſe adjourned till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, February 12, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Rodman*, with the Bill *for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the ſame with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the firſt Amendment was read in its Place and agreed to by the Houſe.

And the ſecond Amendment being alſo read in its Place, the Queſtion was put whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? And it paſſed in the Affirmative, Mr. *Nevill* only diſſenting.

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr. *Coxe* brought from the Council, a Bill entitled, *An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander*, &c. And alſo a Bill, entitled, *An Act to remit the pecuniary Penalties incurred by the paſt breaches of the Laws*, &c. for the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Bill *for avoiding Actions of Slander*, &c. was read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Bill *to remit the pecuniary Penalties*, &c. was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe adourn'd till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smith* brought from the Council the Bill entitled, *An Act for puniſhing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of Foreign Coin*, &c. with an Amendment of the Council, to the Amendment of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Amendment being read in its place, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the Bill as now amended be engroſſed.

The Bill Re-engroſſed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Crane*, do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf performed the ſaid Order.

The Bill *for avoiding Actions of Slander*, &c. was read a ſecond Time and committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Fiſher*.

The Bill *to remit the pecuniary Penalties incurred by the paſt breaches of the Laws therein mentioned, and for the better Notice and putting in Execution of the ſaid Laws hereafter*, was read a ſecond time, and on the Queſtion whether the Bill be committed or not? it paſſed in the Negative.

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	Mr. *Stelle*,
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Kearny*.
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Emley*,	

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, February 13, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

The Bill from the Council entitled, *An Act for puniſhing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of Foreign Coin paſſing current, and the Counterfeiters of Bills of Credit of this Province*, being engroſſed, with the Amendments of this Houſe, and the Amendment of the Council to thoſe Amendments, was read and compared.

Reſolved,
That the Bill as now engroſſed do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hancock*, do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee to whom the Bill from the Council entitled, *An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander, and for ſtay of Proceedings*, &c. was committed, reported the ſame with ſome Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe: And then the Bill, as amended, being read, on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,
That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hancock*, do carry the ſame to the Council and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

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The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for the ſuppreſſing and preventing of Riots, Tumults and other Diſorders within this Colony*, was read and compared, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Bill do paſs or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Nevill*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Cooper*,	
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Emley*,	

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd to *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf delivered the three Bills entruſted to them, with the Meſſage of the Houſe concerning ſaid Bills, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday, February 15. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That *Richard Smith*, jun. *Joſeph Cooper*, and *Daniel Smith*, Eſqrs. or any two of them, do agree with a Printer for printing 164 Sets of the Laws which are or may be paſſed this Seſſions; and that 75 Sets be ſent to the Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, and 89 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion, unleſs any Member, or his Order, ſhall call for the Proportion of his County, then the Printer is to deliver them to him, on his giving a Receipt for them, informing the Treaſurer thereof when he ſends the remainder.

And the ſaid Treaſurers are reſpectively to ſend to any one Member in each County as follows,

For	*Middleſex*,	15	*Burlington*,	20
	Eſſex,	9	*Hunterdon & Morris*,	20
	Bergen,	8	*Glouceſter*,	11
	Somerſet,	7	*Salem & Cumberland*,	18
	Monmouth,	12	*Cape-May*,	7

To

To be distributed in each County as follows,

To the Members each,	1	
First Judge of the County,	1	for the Use of the Court.
Clerk of the County,	1	
Clerk of each Precinct,	1	
Mayors each,	1	
Clerks of each Corporation,	1	

And further the *Treasurers* to give as follows,

To the Governor,	4
Each of the Council,	1
Each of the Judges of the Supream Court,	1
Clerk of said Court for each Office,	1
Each of the Treasurers,	1
Attorney General.	1

Mr. *Leonard* brought from the Council, the Bill entitled, *An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander and for stay of proceeding, until the first Day of* October, *One Thousand seven Hundred and Forty Eight, in other civil Actions against the late Rioters,* engrossed with the Amendments of this House.

And the said Bill was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Cooper* carry the said Bill back to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Johnston*, acquainting the House, that the Bill *for suppressing and preventing of Riots, &c.* was passed by the Council this Day.

N.29. 4 Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to inspect all the Laws passed in this Colony, &c. reported, that they have carefully inspected all the Laws passed in this Colony, since the Surrender of the Government in 1702, with the Minutes and other Papers relating thereto, and do find, that there have been *One Hundred and Seventy three* publick Acts pass'd since the said Surrender to the beginning of this Sitting. That *one hundred and twenty four* Acts have been printed at large, bound and unbound, about Ninety of which are now in force; and that the rest are either disallowed of by the Crown, repealed, or expired by their own Limitations. And that *twenty seven* private Acts have likewise passed within the time aforesaid. The Heads or Contents of which several Acts are delivered in with this Report, wherein Notice is taken of such Laws as have been disallowed of by the Crown, repealed, or expired by their own Limitation.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Secretary*, requesting that the Papers Numbred from 1 to 57 inclusive, may be sent them: And the said Papers were sent accordingly, except N° 48, 49, 50 and 57, which it does not appear have been delivered to this House so numbered.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday,

Tueſday, February 16. 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

It appearing to the Houſe by the Report of the Committee appointed to join the Committee of the Council to inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts, that there are divers Deficiencies occaſioned by ſeveral of the Counties in this Province, not having paid their reſpective Quotas due by Virtue of an Act entitled, *An Act for an additional Support of this Government, and making current Forty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit for that and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and ſeveral other Acts of this Province; and alſo by the Neglect of ſeveral Commiſſioners of the Loan Offices of ſeveral of the Counties of this Province, in not paying in the principal and Intereſt Money they ought to have paid in to the Treaſurers by ſundry Acts of General Aſſembly of this Province.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe apprehends, unleſs ſpeedy Care be taken relating to the ſaid Neglects and Deficiencies, it may be of conſiderable hurt to the Province; and an Injury to the Credit of the Paper Currency thereof, this Houſe therefore intreats His Excellency to take proper Meaſures for the Proſecution of the Parties Delinquents, unleſs they and every of them ſhall comply with their Duty in ſuch reaſonable time as His Excellency ſhall appoint.

The Houſe adjourned till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf, waited on His Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would give immediate Orders relating to that Affair, purſuant to the requeſt of the Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* having received a Meſſage from home, that his Son lay at the Point of Death, and having deſired to be releaſed from the Chair, and the Houſe being willing to gratify him therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on His Excellency and inform him thereof, and acquaint him, that the Houſe deſires he will be pleaſed to give them leave to chooſe a new *Speaker*.

The Houſe adjourned for half an Hour.

Mr. *Low* acquainted the Members, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to give leave accordingly.

Whereupon *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; was choſen *Speaker* in the room of *Robert Lawrence*, Eſq; and placed in the Chair.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Leaming* wait on His Excellency, and desire to be informed, when the House may attend him to present their *Speaker* for Approbation.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that His Excellency was pleased to say, the House might attend him immediately.

Then the House went to wait on His Excellency, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair and reported, that the House had presented him to His Excellency, who was pleased to approve of their Choice.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday, February 17. 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper* informed the House, that on inspecting the Treasurers Accounts reported in 1742 he finds the Sum of £. 253 8 6 charged to *John Allen*, Esq; Treasurer of the Western Division and included in the Ballance of his Account, which Sum is part of 4000 *l.* remaining in his Hands for exchanging Bills dated in 1724, and is included in the subsequent Ballances of his Account, altho' the said Treasurer is charged at the Foot of those subsequent Accounts in a separate Article with the said Sum.

And on Examination, the House find the same to be true.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Spicer* wait on the Council, and acquaint them thereof.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself performed the said Order.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the House that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, *for the Support of the Government*, &c. without any Amendments.

A Message by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Excellency has commanded me to bring down the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to pardon the Persons guilty of the Insurrections, Riots, and Disorders raised and committed in this Province.* Of which the Council have signified their thankful Acceptance."

And he delivered the Bill to Mr. Speaker, and then withdrew.

And the said Bill was read, accepted, and passed by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on His

His Excellency with the ſaid Bill, and acquaint him that this Houſe have thankfully accepted and paſſed the ſame,

Mr. *R. Smith*, by Order of the Houſe, brought in a Bill *to ſubject certain parcels of Bills of Credit, now in the Treaſury, to the Payment of the Support of Government, and directing the Manner of ſinking the ſame.*

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and immediately read again deliberately, Paragraph by Paragraph, and ſeveral Amendments made thereto.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

And the ſaid Bill being engroſſed accordingly, and read and compared, on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hopkins* carry the ſame to the Council for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf delivered the aboveſaid Bill, with the Meſſage, to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

'THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony, for one Year, to commence the* 10th *of* Auguſt, 1747, *and to end* 10th, *of* Auguſt, 1748, *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and Arrearages, and contingent Charges thereof*, having been paſſed by His Majeſty's Council but this Day, it could not till now be laid before me, and upon reading it, I obſerve, that the Support of His Majeſty's Governor is provided for, for One Year only; whereas You will find at my firſt Meeting You in *General Aſſembly*, I acquainted You, that His Majeſty expected You to ſettle on Me, a yearly Salary ſuitable to the Dignity of the Office of His Majeſty's Governor. And I have now ordered the Secretary to lay before You, the KING's Royal Inſtructions at large on this Head, which Matter I deſire You to conſider with the Attention it requires, and deſerves; and You will then ſee with how much Wiſdom and Reaſon it is calculated for the better eſtabliſhment of His Majeſty's Authority and Honour, as well as for the more juſt and impartial Adminiſtration of the Government by all Perſons and Officers concerned therein. Altho' You have, in what is called the

'*Support*

'*Support Bill*, made a Provision of this Kind for One Year, for the Governor's Salary, as well as for that of others concerned in the Administration of the Government, yet they may ſtill be fixt by a ſubſequent Act, conformable to His Majeſty's Royal Inſtructions, the doing of which I earneſtly recommend to You, and with what Diſpatch You can, that this long Seſſion may be brought to a Concluſion.

Burlington,
Feb. 17. 1747-8. J. BELCHER.

And the Copy of His Majeſty's Inſtruction, mentioned in His Excellency's Meſſage was alſo read, and is as follows,

N° 26. 'WHEREAS ſeveral Inconveniencies have ariſen to Our Governments in the Plantations, by Gifts and Preſents made to Our Governors by the General Aſſemblies. You are therefore to propoſe unto the Aſſembly, at their firſt Meeting after Your Arrival, and to uſe Your utmoſt Endeavour with them, that an Act be paſſed for raiſing and ſettling a publick Revenue for defraying the neceſſary Charge of the Government of Our ſaid Province, and that therein Proviſion be particularly made for a competent Salary to Yourſelf, as Governor and Commander in Chief of Our ſaid Province, and to other Our ſucceeding Governors and Commanders in Chief, for ſupporting the Dignity of the ſaid Office, as likewiſe due Proviſion for the contingent Charges of Our Council and Aſſembly, and for the Salaries of the reſpective Clerks and other Officers thereunto belonging, as likewiſe of all other Officers neceſſary for the Adminiſtration of that Government, and particularly, that ſuch Salaries be enacted to be paid in *Sterling*, or Proclamation-Money, or in Paper Bills of Credit, current in that Province, in Proportion to the Value ſuch Bills ſhall paſs at in exchange for Silver, that thereby the reſpective Officers may depend on ſome certain Income, and not be liable to have their Stipends varied by the uncertain Value of Paper-Money: And that in ſuch Act all Officer's Salaries be fixed to ſome reaſonable yearly Sum, except the Members of the Council and Aſſembly, and the Officers attending them, or others, whoſe Attendance on the Publick is uncertain, who may have a reaſonable Pay eſtabliſhed *per Diem*, during their Attendance only: And when ſuch Revenue ſhall have ſo been ſettled, and Proviſion made as aforeſaid, Then, OUR EXPRESS WILL AND PLEASURE IS, That neither You Our Governor, nor any Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Commander in Chief, or Preſident of Our Council of Our ſaid Province of *New-Jerſey*, for the Time being, do give Your or Their Conſent to the paſſing of any Law or Act for any Gift or Preſent to be made to You or Them by the Aſſembly, and that neither You nor They do receive any Gift or Preſent from the Aſſembly, or Others, on any Account, or in any Manner whatſoever, upon Pain of Our higheſt Diſpleaſure, and of being re-called from that Our Government. And We do further direct and require, That this Declaration of Our Royal Will and Pleaſure, be communicated to the Aſſembly at their firſt Meeting after Your Arrival in Our ſaid Province, and entered in the Regiſter of Our Council and Aſſembly, that all Perſons whom it may Concern, may Govern themſelves accordingly.'

Examined by,
CHARLES READ, Secretary.

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The Houſe having taken His Excellency's Meſſage into Conſideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Spicer*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe have paſſed the Bill for *Support of Government*, in the uſual Method, and therein have provided for His Excellency and the ſeveral Officers, in as ample a Manner as hath been heretofore done: And as this Seſſion hath been long and tedious, We hope His Excellency will not expect any thing more to be done on that Head.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, February 18, 1747-8.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to ſubject certain Parcels of Bills of Credit, now in the Treaſury, to the Payment of the Support of Government*, &c, has paſſed the Council without Amendment.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the other Members and himſelf, to whom the Meſſages to His Excellency of Yeſterday were committed, had waited on him with them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* and Mr. *Kearny* do collect the Laws now in Force in this Colony, and examine the ſame, and for that Purpoſe inſpect the Originals and other Records and Papers, which may be neceſſary, and that the ſaid Laws be laid before the General Aſſembly at next Sitting, that Order may be taken for Re-printing the ſame together in a Body.

Oraered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Emley*, do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe have no Buſineſs before them, and that if the Council have likewiſe none, the Houſe propoſe to apply to His Excellency to put an End to the Seſſion.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf, waited on the Council accordingly, and they ſignified that they had not at preſent any Buſineſs before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Hancock*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe having applied to the Council, are informed, that they have no Buſineſs before them, neither have this Houſe any. They therefore humbly pray his Excellency will be pleaſed to put an End to the Seſſion.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf waited on His Excellency with the ſaid Meſſage, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would diſcharge the Houſe in the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. *Secretary*.

Mr. *Speaker*,
His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended His Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to 13 Bills enacting the ſame, entitled as follows.

An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of New-Jerſey, *for One Year, to commence the* Tenth *Day of* Auguſt, 1747, *and to end the* Tenth *Day of* Auguſt, 1748, *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof.*

An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court *of this Colony.*

An Act to ſuſpend the Execution of part of an Act, entitled, An Act for preſerving of Timber, in the Eaſtern *Diviſion of the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *and all Sorts of Trees in the Bounds of the Patent or Charter of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *that lies in Common.*

An Act to ſuſpend the Execution of an Act, entitled, An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the Britiſh *Plantations, in the* Weſt-Indies, *and of ſuch Wines as may lawfully be imported from the Places of their Growth, Product and Manufacture, into the* Eaſtern *Diviſion of* New-Jerſey.

An Act to revive and contiuue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas *for the County of Middleſex.*

An Act to ſubject certain Parcels of Bills of Credit, now in the Treaſury, to the Payment of the Support of Government, and directing the Manner of ſinking the ſame.

An Act for puniſhing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of foreign Coin paſſing current, and the Counterfeiters of Bills of Credit of this Province.

An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander, and for ſtay of proceeding until the Firſt *Day of* October, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight, *in other civil Actions againſt the late Rioters.*

An Act for the ſuppreſſing and preventing of Riots, Tumults and other Diſorders within this Colony.

An Act to pardon the Perſons guilty of the Inſurrections, Riots and Diſorders raiſed and committed in this Province.

An

An Act for making current Forty Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit.*

An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Juſtices of this Colony to aſcertain and tax Bills of Coſt, and for making Proviſion by Law for the Payment of the Services of the ſeveral Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the ſaid Officers from taking exorbitant Fees.

An Act for running and aſcertaining the Line of Partition and Diviſion betwixt this Province of New-Jerſey, *and the Province of* New-York.*

Then His Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly,

'AT the firſt Opening of this Seſſion, it ſeemed to Me, big with 'Difficulties, from almoſt an entire Stagnation of all Affairs of 'Government in this Province for above *Three Years* paſt: Yet I was 'willing to hope and perſevere for compaſſing thoſe Things that might 'bring the Province out of their Confuſions.

'It is then with much Satisfaction, I look back on the Courſe of 'Your Proceedings, in that the Members of His Majeſty's Council, and 'of the General Aſſembly, each in their reſpective Branches of the Legi-'ſlature, as well as the Council and the Aſſembly with each other, have 'with ſo good an Unanimity come into moſt of the Things I recom-'mended at Your firſt coming together, as well as into others of Impor-'tance to the People: And as I have given my Aſſent to the ſeveral Bills 'You have laid before Me, that they may become Laws of this Province, 'You may aſſuredly depend on My repreſenting them in a juſt and rea-'ſonable Light to the KING's Miniſters, in order to their obtaining the 'Royal Sanction.

'I hope, Gentlemen, ſuch as have been ſo long concerned in the re-'peated Riots and Diſorders of the Province, as well the Heads, Adviſers, 'and Abettors, as Numbers that have been deluded by them, will, from 'the Lenity of His Majeſty's Government extended to them at this Time, 'with great Gratitude return to their Duty to the KING, and behave with 'all Obedience to the Government, His Majeſty has more immediately 'plac'd over them, and will chearfully ſubmit themſelves to the ſalutary Laws 'of this Province, and in a ſteady Practice of theſe Things they will ap-'prove themſelves worthy of the Favour they have received from their Ru-'lers. And if Perſons of all Ranks and Orders among Us, will endea-'vour to become Patterns of Virtue and good Religion in their Lives and 'Converſations, We may hope for the Bleſſing of Almighty GOD, to make '*Nova Cæſarea*, or *New-Jerſey*, a happy and flouriſhing Province, and to 'contribute to it, I ſhall embrace all Opportunities that ſhall fall in my 'Power.

* This Act was diſallowed by the King. Gentlemen
ſee the Report of the Lords of Trade upon it in
Smith's Hiſt. of New-York, pag. 145.

Gentlemen,

' After Your long Attendance in a very difficult Seaſon, on the publick ' Affairs, I now wiſh You well to the Places of Your Abode, where I ' doubt not but You will, in Your ſeveral Stations, do what in You lies ' to ſtrengthen the Hands of the Government, and to promote Peace and ' good Order among the People.

Burlington, J. BELCHER.
Feb. 18. 1747-8.

And then His Excellency prorogued the General Aſſembly to the 18*th* Day of *March* next, to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.

By Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint William Bradford *of* Philadelphia, *to print theſe Votes.*

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

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THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY.

Held at *BURLINGTON* on *Wedneſday* the *ſixth* of *July*, 1748.

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VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, July 6. 1748.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Orders for the General Assembly to meet this Day at *Burlington*, several of the Members met; but there not being a sufficient Number to proceed upon Business, the House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday, July 7. 1748.

The House met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr *Hancock* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House are now met, and were ready to receive any Thing he had to lay before them.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself had waited on the Governor, with the Message of the House; and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would be at the Council Chamber in half an Hour, and then the House should hear from him.

A Message from His Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

" Mr. *Speaker*,
" His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House in the Council " Chamber immediately."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and went with the House to attend His Excellency; and being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that

that His Excellency had been pleaſed to make a Speech to the Gentlemen of the Council and this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy; which was ordered to be read forthwith, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

" HAVING lately received a Letter from His Excellency Mr. SHIRLEY, " Governor of His Majeſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſets-Bay*, I " immediately ordered the Members of His Majeſty's Council to be ſum- " moned to attend Me here; and when they came, I laid the ſaid Letter " with what it incloſed before them, and they were of Advice, that the " General Aſſembly ſhould be called to meet here as ſoon as they conveni- " ently could; and the Secretary ſhall now deliver You the Papers I have " mentioned, the Contents whereof are the only Reaſon of Your meeting " at this Time. And I hope You will readily agree with Me, that it is of " great Importance to the future Proſperity of this Province, that you chooſe " Commiſſioners without loſs of Time, to proceed to *Albany*, and there to " act in Concert with thoſe from His Majeſty's other Governments, for " the better ſecuring the ſix Nations of Indians to His Majeſty's Intereſt, " and in their Friendſhip and Affection to the People of this and the neigh- " bouring *Engliſh* Provinces; and to confer and conſult on ſuch other " Matters as may come before this Meeting of Commiſſioners from ſo " many Provinces: And as what may be propos'd to be done, is to be " without any Charge to this or the other Governments, and has ſuch a Proſ- " pect of eſtabliſhing the Wellfare and Happineſs of Us and of Our Neigh- " bours, I ſhall not doubt Your chearfully coming into this Matter, and " which You will ſee requires the utmoſt Diſpatch. And when You have " gone through it, You may be returning to Your domeſtick Affairs, where " I ſuppoſe the Seaſon of the Year requires Your attendance.

Burlington,
July 7. 1748. *J. BELCHER.*

The D. Secretary laid before the Houſe the Papers referred to in the Governors Speech, and the ſame were read.

Ordered,
That His Excellency's Speech and the ſaid Papers be read again to-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow eight o'Clock.

Friday, July 8. 1748.

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech and the Papers refered to therein, were read a ſecond time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe accordingly; and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the

the Matters to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Excellency in Anſwer to His Speech. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Cook*, and Mr. *Cooper*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency, preſented the ſame to the Houſe, and it was received and read, and, with ſome Amendments, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on His Excellency, and know his Pleaſure, when the Houſe may attend him with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf had waited on His Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would be ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe this Afternoon, at Three o'Clock, at the Council Chamber.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd to Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Two *P. M.* The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

Mr. *Speaker*,
" I am commanded by His Excellency to acquaint this Houſe, that he " is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive their Addreſs."

Mr. *Speaker* then left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended His Excellency, and preſented their Addreſs in the following Words.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; *Captain General, and Governor in Chief in and over His Majeſty's Province of* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America; *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the ſame*, &c.

The Humble Addreſs of the Repreſentatives of the Colony of New-Jerſey *in General Aſſembly convened.*

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE His Majeſty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, have duly conſidered your Excellency's Speech made to the Gentlemen of the Council and this Houſe, as alſo Governor SHIRLEY's Letter to your Excellency, and the Copy of the Votes and Reſolves, made by the General Aſſembly of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay*, incloſed

in the ſaid Letter; and upon conſideration of the whole, do beg leave to aſſure your Excellency, that we have and always ſhall be ready and willing to do what may be neceſſary for the Good and Safety of the People of this Colony, and for the Aid and Aſſiſtance of our Neighbouring Governments, to the beſt of our Circumſtances: But as *New-York*, and the other Governments have hitherto carried on their Meetings and Conferences with the *Six Nations* of *Indians*, without any Commiſſioners being ever appointed by or appearing in behalf of this Colony, and as we have never had any Treaties with the *Indians* out of our own Government, nor been partakers of the Benefit of their Trade; and as the nominating or appointing Commiſſioners is not required of us by His Majeſty, we therefore hope we ſhall be held excuſed; beſides we further beg leave to obſerve, that our appointing Commiſſioners at this Time to proceed to *Albany*, in order to join the Commiſſioner's appointed by His Majeſty's other Governments, were we ever ſo able, ready and willing, would now prove ineffectual, the Time of the ſaid Commiſſioners Meeting being until now unknown to us, and ſo near at hand as the *Tenth* Inſtant. And we do preſume, as there is the greateſt probability of a General Peace being by this Time concluded between the ſeveral contending Powers, the Preliminaries whereof are, in the *London Gazette* of the 26th of *April* laſt, ſaid to be Signed (which we ſuppoſe Governor SHIRLEY had not ſeen when he wrote your Excellency the above Letter) if that proves true, then no Expedition will at this propoſed Congreſs be formed or ordered to be carried on againſt the *French*, at *Crown-Point*, or elſewherere, it being to no purpoſe to make Preparation for War, if Peace be concluded, as from the ſaid *London Gazette*, we may reaſonably preſume it is. And we doubt not but the Commiſſioners who may be appointed for *New-York*, and the other Governments, with the Aſſiſtance of Governor CLINTON, and Governor SHIRLEY, will be ſufficient to keep the *Six Nations* of *Indians* in their uſual Fidelity to his Majeſty, and Friendſhip to the Northern Colonies.

Divers of the Members of the Houſe being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

Mr. *Secretary* acquainted the Houſe, that His Excellency had adjourn'd the Houſe to the 27th Day of this Inſtant.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint WILLIAM BRADFORD, of *Philadelphia*, to Print theſe Votes,

SAMUEL NEVILL, Speaker.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

BURLINGTON, Friday October 21ſt 1748.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's ſeveral Adjournments the Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Fiſher* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that there are a ſufficient Number of Members met to proceed on Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two o'Clock.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency according to the Order of this Houſe, and that His Excellency was pleas'd to ſay, that he would ſend for the Houſe in the Afternoon.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary *Read* in the following Words.

Mr. *Speaker*,

The Governor has order'd me to acquaint this Houſe, that He is now in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. *Speaker* then left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to attend His Excellency: Being return'd Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that His Excellency had been pleas'd to make a Speech to the Council and Houſe of Aſſembly, of which he had obtain'd a Copy, which was order'd to be read forthwith, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

" I Fully intended to have met You the Beginning of this Month at " *Perth-Amboy*, but at the time I was to have proceeded on my Journey " thither, I was confined to my Houſe by a Feaver, from which, I thank " GOD, I am ſo well recovered as to be abroad, tho' not ſo as to travel ; " I have therefore, by the Advice of His Majeſty's Council, called you to " meet and ſit here.

" I am ſorry to tell You, that a Set of the Laws paſs'd in our laſt Seſſion, " and were going to *Great-Britain* for His Majeſty's Approbation, were ta- " ken in *May* laſt, in a Ship bound thither from *Philadelphia* ; but as a " Duplicate of them has been ſent forward, about two Months ago, I hope " they are got well Home ; yet the Misfortune of the firſt Set miſcarrying, " neceſſarily Poſtpones the exerciſe of ſome good Laws.

" I am glad the Accounts reſpecting the Loan of Money You made to " the Crown, were got to Your Agents Hands, who I ſuppoſe, writes " You what is further needful to be tranſmitted him, in Order to his " obtaining the Payment of that Money.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

" Upon an Inſpection, of the State of the Treaſury, You will be able to " Judge what ought to be done at this Time for the Payment of the " juſt Debts of the Province, and for the future ſupport of the Government, " and in which I ſhall not doubt Your early and effectual Care.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

" Since Our laſt Meeting the Honourable the *Chief Juſtice*, by his ex- " traordinary Care and Induſtry, has made diſcovery of a great Number " of wicked People, concerned in the Forgery and Counterfeiting of Our " Bills of Credit, and alſo of Foreign Coins paſſing Current in this Province, " which vile Practice, I hope, will ſoon be put an End to, by bringing " the Authors thereof to condign Puniſhment ; and I ſhall not doubt of " the Aſſiſtance of every honeſt good Member of the Community, in the " further Detection of this Combination of Vilanous Perſons.

" As all Matters properly under the Care of the Legiſlature of this " Province, had in a Manner ſubſided for ſome Years before Our ſitting " laſt Winter, that Seſſion was of courſe drawn into a conſiderable length, " for the paſſing of many Laws, judged proper for promoting the Welfare " and Poſperity of the Province.

" I hope Your ſteady Application to what may be neceſſary now to be " done in the Public Affairs, may ſhorten the Seſſion : I am ſure there will be " nothing wanting on my Part, to join with You, in doing every Thing that " may beſt of all promote the Weal and Happineſs of this People ; and I

" hope

" hope, we ſhall, in all we do, Aim at that Concord and Unity which are " the great Beauty and Strength of all Government.

Burlington, J. BELCHER.
Oct. 21*ſt.* 1748.

Ordered,
That His Excellency's Speech be read again To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, October 22*d.* 1748.

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider His Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them refer'd, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 24*th.* 1748.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, October 25*th.* 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Read,* in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

I Have already told You the reaſon of My calling You hither at this Time, and in which I have ſtrictly conformed myſelf to the KING's Royal orders to Me, reſpecting the ſitting of General Aſſemblies, alternately at *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington.*

Notwithſtanding which, I have had with Me a Number of the Members of Your Houſe, to tell Me, You are very deſirous, if My Health may allow, that this Seſſion be held at *Perth-Amboy.*

As there has hitherto nothing been wanting on My Part, that the beſt Harmony ſhould ſubſiſt among all the Branches of the Legiſlature, and that it may always be ſo, I think You will find it a conſtant purſuit in my Adminiſtration; and I am therefore now willing to gratify You, and have directed the *Secretary,* to adjourn the General Aſſembly to *Thurſday* the *Tenth* Day of *November* next, and then to meet Me at *Perth-Amboy,* in which Time,

Time, I hope by the favour of GOD, my Health and Strength will be so far reſtored, as that I may be able to undertake a Journey thither.

Burlington, J. BELCHER,
Oct. 25th. 1748.

Mr. Secretary *Read* then adjourn'd the General Aſſembly to *Thurſday* the *Tenth* Day of *November* next, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker*.

VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

PERTH-AMBOY, Thurſday November 10th. 1748.

PUrſuant to his Excellency's adjournment of the General Aſſembly to this Day, the Houſe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 11. 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Rockſiticus* in *Somerſet* County was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth ſome Inconveniences they lie under in attending the Courts in *Somerſet*, and praying to be annex'd to *Morris* County.

Alſo a Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Baſkin Ridge* in *Somerſet* County was read, praying, that they may be alſo annex'd to *Morris* County.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petitions be read a ſecond time.

Ordered,
That a Committee of Grievances do ſit every Wedneſday during this Seſſion, if there be Occaſion.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Committee be a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Hancock*, be a Committee to inſpect the Laws of this Colony, and make report to the Houſe, what Laws are expired or near expiring by their own Limitation.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech made to the Council and this Houſe on the 21*ſt.* of *October* laſt.

After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the ſaid Speech, and have reſolved that an Humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency in Anſwer thereto.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of ſaid Addreſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Kearny* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to impower the Perſons therein named to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown for Arming and Cloathing the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony.

Mr. *Fiſher* prayed leave to bring in a Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries within this Colony for the future*, which was granted.

Ordered,
That the Treaſurers of this Colony lay their Accounts of the publick Money before the Houſe, on or before the 19th Inſtant. And that the Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, within the ſame time, lay before the Houſe an Account of the cancelled Bills he hath in his Hands, and that the Clerk ſerve them reſpectively with a Copy of this Order, or ſuch part as concerns them.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* prayed leave to bring in a Bill, *for the more effectual preventing the killing of Deer out of Seaſon*. And on the Queſtion, whether he have leave or not; it paſſed in the Affirmative.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, November 12th. 1748.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Kearny*, with leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill *for the more regular chooſing and electing Aſſeſſors and Collectors in the reſpective Towns and Counties*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Low* had leave to be abſent till Wedneſday Morning next, on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, November 14. 1748.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws, &c. reported, that an Act entitled, *An Act to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Province for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes.*

That an Act entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts, from Perſons who abſcond theinſelves.*

That an Act entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt.* Are all near expiring by their own Limitation.

And that an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey *for one Year, to commence the* 10*th of* Auguſt 1747, *and to end the* 10*th of* Auguſt 1748, &c. is already expired by its own Limitation.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Heard*, Mr. *D. Smith*, and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for Support of Government.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Fiſher*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Province for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Van Buſkirk*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, and Mr. *Brick* be a Committee to bring in a Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves.*

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill *for the more regular chooſing and electing Aſſeſſors and Collectors*, &c. was read a ſecond time and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency, reported, that they had prepared the ſame; and

and it was received and read, and with ſeveral Alterations was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be Engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 15th. 1748.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton,* and Mr. *Cooke,* wait upon his Excellency and acquaint him, that the Houſe deſire to be informed, when they may attend him with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Eatton* reported, that Mr. *Cooke* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that the Houſe might attend him To-morrow Morning about ten o'Clock.

Mr. *R. Smith,* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *for impowering Perſons to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown,* &c. reported, that they had prepared the ſame; and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Mr. *Fiſher,* purſuant to leave given him for that purpoſe, brought in a Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries within this Colony for the future.* And it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Eatton,* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *for Support of Government,* reported, that they had the ſame ready to preſent to the Houſe; and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the Bill *for the more regular chuſing and electing Aſſeſſors and Collectors,* &c. after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton,* Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, November 16, 1748.

The Houſe met.

The Bill for *Support of Government* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill for *impowering certain Perſons to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown*, &c. was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

And the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the ſaid Bill. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That they have gone through the Bill and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame. To which the Houſe agreed.

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive your Ad-
" dreſs."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency. And being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Houſe had attended His Excellency with their Addreſs, in the following Words.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor, and Vice Admiral in the ſame.*

The Humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe Your Excellency,

WE His Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, in General Aſſembly convened, beg Leave to aſſure Your Excellency, it was with much Concern we were acquainted by Your Excellency's Speech, that Your ill State of Health occaſioned Your calling Us to meet at *Burlington*, and join with Your Excellency in returning Thanks to Almighty GOD for Your Recovery, and that You are enabled now to meet Us here at *Perth-Amboy*, the Place where (according to the alternate Sitting of Aſſemblies) We eſteem this Seſſion of Right ought to be held; which occaſioned a Number of Our Members,

when laſt at *Burlington*, to apply to Your Excellency for the ſame; and Your Readineſs in acceding thereto, We look upon as a Demonſtration of the Juſtice and Uprightneſs of Your Adminiſtration, as well as of Your Inclination and Willingneſs to promote a Harmony among the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature, and the People of the Colony whom We repreſent.

We hope, with Your Excellency, that tho' the firſt Set of Laws paſſed laſt Seſſion had the Misfortune to be taken in going Home to *Great-Britain*, yet thoſe mentioned by Your Excellency to be afterwards forwarded, have not miſcarried; and that We ſhall ſoon hear of their Arrival, and receive the deſired Effect and Benefit of them.

We have received Advice from Our Agent, of his Receipt of the Accounts reſpecting the Loan of Money made by this Colony to the Crown; and We ſhall take proper Care that what is further needful, in order to his obtaining the Payment of that Money, be done.

We ſhall, according to Your Excellency's Recommendation to Us, take into Our Conſideration the preſent State of the Treaſury, and ſhall do what is neceſſary on Our Part for the Payment of the juſt Debts of the Colony, and for the further Support of the Government,

The Diſcovery mentioned by Your Excellency, made of ſo great a Number of wicked People concerned in the Forging and Counterfeiting of Our Bills of Credit, and of foreign Coins paſſing current in this Colony, will, We alſo hope, ſoon put an End to ſo vile a Practice; and the Puniſhing the Authors thereof be a Means to prevent the like for the Future; in which, and in the further Diſcovery and Detection of this Combination of villainous Perſons, We, with Your Excellency, doubt not of the Aſſiſtance of every honeſt and good Member of the Community, as its not only their Duty but Intereſt to be aiding in ſo good a Work.

The Length of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly was, as Your Excellency is pleaſed to mention, occaſioned by all Matters under the Care of the Legiſlature in a Manner ſubſiding for ſome Time before that Sitting; but as ſeveral good and neceſſary Laws, for the promoting the Welfare and Proſperity of this Colony, were then paſſed, We expect We ſhall have the leſs to do at this Time; and as the Seaſon of the Year renders it moſt agreeable to all concerned to be at Home, We aſſure Your Excellency We ſhall uſe our utmoſt Endeavours to ſhorten this Seſſion, by giving all poſſible Application and Diſpatch to ſuch publick Affairs as may come under our Conſideration at this Time; and We beg Leave to return Your Excellency Our publick Thanks for the kind Aſſurance You are pleaſed to give, in joining with Us to do every Thing that may beſt promote the Weal and Happineſs of the People We repreſent; and as Concord and Unity (as Your Excellency well obſerves) is the chief Beauty and Strength of all Government, it ſhall be our principal Aim to promote it.

Divers of the Members of this Houſe, being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

SAMUEL NEVILL, Speaker.

The Houſe adjourned to Two P. M.

The

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Kearny*, with leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex* to build a Work-Houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid County, and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries*, &c. was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 17, 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.

'I Think the whole Courſe of my Adminiſtration has been ſuch, as to 'make it needleſs for Me to give You any freſh Aſſurances of My hearty 'Deſire and Endeavours to ſerve the good People of this Province to the 'utmoſt of My Power.

'I have therefore now only to return You My Thanks for Your kind 'and handſome Addreſs, in anſwer to what I laid before You at the Open-'ing of this Seſſion; and to ſay, That I take a pleaſing Notice of Your 'ſteady Application to the Buſineſs of the Seſſion, by which I hope it will 'ſoon be brought to a happy Concluſion, that We may return to Our ſeve-'ral Homes before the Severity of the Winter overtakes Us.'

J. Belcher.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for impowering certain Perſons hereinafter named to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown, for arming and cloathing the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, and to apply the ſame as herein is directed*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Spicer* carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr *Spicer* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Bill to Mr. *Johnſton*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Van Buſkirk*, one of the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond*

abſcond themſelves, preſented the ſame to the Houſe, and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries*, &c. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame.

And the ſaid Bill with the Amendments was read, and agreed to by the Houſe:

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Province, for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes*, brought in the ſaid Bill, and it was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Baſkin-Ridge*, and Places adjacent in *Somerſet* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying, that they may be continued in ſaid *Somerſet* County.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry other Inhabitants of ſaid County was read, praying the ſame.

Ordered,

That ſaid Petitions have a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider the Bill *for the more regular chooſing and electing Aſſeſſors*, &c. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the ſaid Bill, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock

Friday, November 18. 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of many Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth ſome illegal Proceedings, as they conceive, in the Choice of a Place for building a Court-Houſe in ſaid County, and praying the Houſe, either to appoint the Place, or grant a new Election.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, Horſe Races, Playing of Cards and Dice, and other Gaming for lucre of Gain within this Colony, for the Future*; was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Hancock* carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.
Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Bill to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Province for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes*, was read, a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petitions from the Inhabitants of *Rockſiticus* and *Baſkin-ridge*, in *Somerſet* County, praying to be annex'd to *Morris* County, were read a ſecond Time.
And the Petitions of ſome of the Inhabitants of *Baſkin-ridge*, and Places adjacent, and from ſome others of the County of *Somerſet*, praying, that ſaid Places may be continued in the ſaid County of *Somerſet*, were alſo read.

And ſome of the Petitioners on each Side attending at the Door, were called in, and the Petitions were read, and the Parties on both Sides heard, and then they were ordered to withdraw.

And the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, are of Opinion, That if the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerſet* and *Morris* apprehend, that the Bounds between the ſaid Counties are uncertain, (as is alledged by the Parties) it will be proper for them to prepare Maps of the Lines and Boundaries propos'd on each Side, with their Reaſons for the ſame, in order to lay them before the General Aſſembly at next Seſſion.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* had leave to be abſent till *Monday* next, and Mr. *Stelle* till *Tueſday* next, on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, November 19, 1748.

The Houſe met.

The Petition of a Number of the Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland*, concerning the Place of fixing their Court-Houſe, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That the Clerk give Copies of the ſaid Petition to any Perſons deſiring the ſame.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for the more regular chooſing and electing Aſſeſſors*, &c. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the ſaid Bill, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Andrew Johnſton, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion of this Colony, according to Order, laid before the Houſe his Account of the publick Money and of the cancelled Bills now in his Hands.

Ordered,
That ſaid Accounts lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for impowering certain Perſons herein after named, to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Petition of a Committee of the Truſtees for erecting a College in this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the Uſe of ſuch a Seminary, and that they are unable to carry on the Undertaking without the Aid of the Legiſlature, and praying the Aſſiſtance of the Houſe therein.

Ordered,
That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of *Hendrick Goeglets*, a Foreigner, praying an Act for naturalizing him, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning, nine o'Clock.

Monday, November 21, 1748.

The Houſe met; and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the Bill *for the more regular chooſing and electing Aſſeſſors*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*,

Eatton, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Morris* and *Somerſet*, near *Baſkin-ridge*, in behalf of themſelves and others, complaining that ſundry Perſons cut their Timber, and when ſued before a Juſtice, elude the Laws under pretence of Title, and praying Redreſs, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 22. 1748.

The Houſe met; and Reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for the more regular chooſing Aſſeſſors*, &c. And after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made an Alteration in the Title thereof, it being now entitled, *An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony*; and had made ſeveral Alterations and Amendments in the ſaid Bill. And the ſaid Bill, as altered and amended, was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Hendrick Goeglets*, praying to be naturalized, was read a ſecond Time.

And it appearing to the Houſe, that he hath taken the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration appointed by Law;

Ordered,
That he have leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

And thereupon Mr. *Kearny* preſented ſuch a Bill to the Houſe, which was received and read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

And Reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes*. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame.

And

And the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Allen*, Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion of this Colony, laid his Account before the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded upon the Petition of a Number of the Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland*, and both Parties attending at the Door, were called in, and heard concerning the ſame, and then they withdrew.

Ordered,
That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred until to-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 23. 1748.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the reſpective Counties in this Colony*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, (Nemine Contradicente)
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hopkins* carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf, delivered the ſaid Bill to Mr. *Hude*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to joyn a Committee of the Council, to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit, now in the Hands of *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; to meet at ſuch Time and Place as the Council ſhall appoint.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Brick* wait on the Council, and inform them of ſaid Appointment, and deſire them to appoint a Committee accordingly, with Time and Place of meeting.

The Bill for Naturalizing *Hendrick Goeglets*, was read a ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments made to the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Petition from the County of *Cumberland*, concerning the Methods uſed in fixing the Place of the Court-Houſe in the ſaid County, with the Allegations of the Parties on hearing them Yeſterday; are of Opinion, that the Petitioners not having made appear the Matters in their Petition ſet forth, the ſaid Petition do lye upon the Table.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Morris* and *Somerſet*, concerning their Timber, was read a ſecond Time.

And Mr. *Kearny*, with leave, brought in a Bill *for the more effectual preventing the waſte of Timber within this Colony*; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage intruſted with them, to Mr. *Morris*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing* Hendrick Goegltes, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*.

After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the ſaid Bill, and deſired leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

" Mr. *Speaker*,
" His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe in the Council " Chamber immediately."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency. And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended His Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill, entitled,

An Act, for impowering certain Perſons herein after named, to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown, for arming and cloathing the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, and to apply the ſame as herein is directed.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr *Spicer* and himſelf delivered the Bill *for naturalizing* Hendrick Goeglets to the *Speaker* in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 24, 1748.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves.*

After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read with the Amendments, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Petition of the Committee of the Truſtees for erecting a College, &c. was read a ſecond Time:

And an Undertaking of this Kind being entirely new in this Colony, and the Houſe inclining to conſult their Conſtituents thereon,

Ordered,
That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to the next Meeting of the General Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned to Two P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony, for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Brick* carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, November 25. 1748.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himſelf, delivered the Bill, with the Meſſage intruſted with them, to the *Speaker* in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition of *John Style*, complaining of *Samuel Headley* and *Peter Parcels*, and other Rioters, for turning his Goods out of Doors in the Year 1746, and retaining the Poſſeſſion of his Lands ſince that Time, to his great Detriment, and praying Redreſs, was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the State of the Treaſury, and upon Inſpection of the Treaſurers Accounts, do find, that there is not Money ſufficient in the Treaſury to Diſcharge the Debts of this Colony, and to ſupport the Government for the current Year.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Cooke*, do bring in a Bill, *to ſubject certain Bills of Credit (printed and already made current for the Exchanging of the ragged and torn Bills of Credit in this Colony) to the Payment of the ſupport of Government, and making Proviſion for ſinking the ſame.*

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Spicer* carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Emley* had leave to be abſent till *Monday* next, on extraordinary Occaſions.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock

Saturday

Saturday, November 26. 1748.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage intruſted with them, to Mr. *Hude*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Petition of ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Middleſex* was read; praying, that the Bill *for Building a Work-Houſe and Houſe of Correction in the ſaid County*, may paſs into a Law.

And the ſaid Bill was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Cooke*.

Mr. *R. Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *to ſubject certain Bills of Credit, &c. to the Payment of the ſupport of Government*, &c. brought in the ſame; and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, November 28. 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, which was read, and is in the Words following,

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*,

" I Obſerve in Your Minutes of the 25th Inſtant, that You had appointed " a Committee to bring in a Bill, to ſubject certain Bills of Credit lying " in the Treaſury (never yet emitted or iſſued) to the Payment of the " Support of Government, and to make Proviſion for ſinking the ſame.

" *Gentlemen*,

" To prevent Your Houſe the trouble and time of making and paſſing " a Bill of that Nature, I muſt acquaint You, that ſhould it paſs the other " Branches of the Legiſlature, it would not be in My Power to ſign it, as " the doing it would be in Breach of His Majeſty's Nineteenth Inſtruction " to Me, a Copy whereof will be delivered You herewith.

J. BELCHER.

And the ſaid Copy of an Inſtruction was read, and is as follows.

Inſtruction, 19. " Whereas Acts have been paſſed in ſome of Our " Plantations in *America*, for ſtriking Bills of Credit, and iſſuing out the " ſame in lieu of Money, in order to diſcharge their Publick Debts, and " for other Purpoſes; from whence ſeveral Inconveniences have ariſen: " *It is therefore Our Will and Pleaſure*, that You do not give Your aſſent

to

" to, or paſs any Act in Our ſaid Province of *New-Jerſey* under Your Go-
" vernment, whereby Bills of Credit may be ſtruck or iſſued in lieu of
" Money, without a Clauſe be incerted in ſuch Act, declaring, that the
" ſame ſhall not take Effect until the ſaid Act ſhall have been approved
" and confirmed by Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors. *And it is Our further*
" *Will and Pleaſure*, that You do not give Your aſſent to, or paſs any Act
" in Our ſaid Province of *New-Jerſey*, under Your Government, for Pay-
" ment of Money, either to You the Governor, or to any Lieutenant Go-
" vernor or Commander in Chief, or to any of the Members of our Coun-
" cil, or to any other Perſon whatſoever, except to Us, Our Heirs and Suc-
" ceſſors, without a Clauſe be likewiſe incerted in ſuch Act, declaring, that
" the ſame ſhall not take Effect until the ſaid Act ſhall have been approved
" and confirmed by Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 29. 1748.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſire to be informed, what Progreſs they have made in the Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of the reſpective Counties in this Colony.*

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Meſſage to the *Speaker* in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, informing the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Hude*, Mr. *Kemble*, and Mr. *Leonard*, or any two of them, a Committee to join the Committee of this Houſe to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit now in the Hands of *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; and that they meet at his Houſe at Four o'Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition of ſundry Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was read, ſetting forth, that they live in that Part of the County of *Somerſet* which is within the Borough of *Elizabeth*, in *Eſſex* County, whereby they ſuffer many Hardſhips and Inconveniencies, and praying that they may be united to *Eſſex* County.

Ordered,
That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Kearny* had leave to be abſent To-morrow on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 30, 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota*'s, &c. ſtands committed, and is now under the Conſideration of the Committee to whom it is referred.

A Petition of *Stephen Warne* was read, ſetting forth, that he has been ſued and had Judgment paſſed againſt him in the Mayor's Court of *New-Brunſwick*, on a Penal Bill, conditioned for Four Pounds Proclamation, which he conceives to be contrary to a Law of this Province, and praying Redreſs.

Ordered,
That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, living in that Part of *Somerſet* County which is within the Borough of *Elizabeth*, was read a ſecond Time, and referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe at next Sitting.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *to enable the Inhabitants of the County of* Middleſex, *to build a Work-Houſe*, &c. was committed, reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments.

And the Bill with the Amendments was read.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met; and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill *to enable the Inhabitants of the County of* Middleſex *to build a Work-Houſe*, &c. with the Amendments.

And the ſaid Bill with the Amendments was again read, and ſeveral other Amendments made thereto, and on the Queſtion.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, December 1, 1748.

The Houſe met.

The Petition of *Stephen Warne* was read a ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

A Memorial of the Council of Proprietors of Eaſt *New-Jerſey*, was preſented to the Houſe by their Clerk, which was read, and is as follows.

To

To His Excellency, JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; *Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of* New-Jerſey, *and Territories depending thereon in* America, *and Vice Admiral in the ſame.*

To the Honourable His Majeſty's Council for the ſaid Province. And

To the Honourable the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the ſaid Province, in General Aſſembly met.

The Memorial and Repreſentation of the Council of Proprietors of the Eaſtern Diviſion of the ſaid Province of *New-Jerſey*, in behalf of themſelves and the reſt of the General Proprietors of the Soil of the ſaid Eaſtern Diviſion, and of the Perſons claiming under them;

Humbly ſheweth,

'THAT *New-Jerſey*, among other Tracts of Land in *America*, was 'granted by King *Charles* the Second to His Royal Highneſs *James* 'Duke of *York*, and by him conveyed to Lord *Berkeley* and Sir *George* '*Carteret*, in the Year 1664, who began to plant and improve the ſame; 'That Sir *George Carteret* being, by a Partition, intitled to the Eaſtern 'Part of the ſaid Province, made conſiderable Improvements, and brought 'into the Province great Numbers of Inhabitants, to whom he gave Lands, 'as an Encouragement.

'THAT the ſaid Eaſtern Part or Diviſion of *New-Jerſey*, together with 'the Powers of Government, was afterwards conveyed to Twenty-four Per'ſons, who were called the General Proprietors, and who went on in plant'ing and improving the ſaid Province at their own very great Coſt and 'Charge.

'THAT the Proprietors exercis'd the Powers of Government in the ſaid 'Province from the Time of their Grant till the Year 1702, when they 'made a Surrender thereof to the Crown, reſerving to themſelves the Soil 'and all Things properly appertaining thereto.

'THAT her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of glorious Memory, was graciouſly 'pleaſed to accept of the ſaid Surrender, and to take the ſaid Province of '*New-Jerſey* under her immediate Adminiſtration and Government; and 'was alſo moſt graciouſly pleaſed, upon her Royal Word, to promiſe the 'Protection of the Crown of *England* to the Proprietors and People of '*New-Jerſey* in all their Civil and Religious Rights.

'THAT Your Memorialiſts, their Anceſtors and Predeceſſors, have always 'demeaned themſelves with great Submiſſion to the Royal Authority, and to 'the Government and Laws exercis'd in the ſaid Province: And, in Return, 'think themſelves intitled to have their Rights and Properties maintained and 'protected by thoſe Laws, to which they have been obedient and ſubmiſſive.

'BUT ſo it is; may it pleaſe Your Excellency and Honours, That great 'Numbers of Men, taking advantage of a Diſpute ſubſiſting between the

'Branches

' Branches of the Legiſlature of this Province, and of a moſt unnatural Re-
' bellion at that Time raging in *Great-Britain*, entered into a Combination
' to ſubvert the Laws and Conſtitution of the Province, and to obſtruct the
' Courſe of legal Proceedings; to which End they, by falſe Tales and
' wicked Inſinuations, artfully invented, and induſtriouſly ſpread abroad, en-
' deavoured to infuſe into the Minds of the People, that His moſt ſacred
' Majeſty nor his noble Progenitors, Kings and Queens of *England*, had
' not any Right whatſoever to the Soil of *America*; and that his and their
' Grants thereof were void and fraudulent: And having by theſe Means
' aſſociated to themſelves great Numbers of the poor and ignorant Part of
' the People of this Province; They, in the Month of *September*, 1745,
' began to carry into Execution their wicked Schemes; when in a riotous
' Manner they broke open the Goal of the County of *Eſſex*, and took from
' thence a Priſoner there confin'd by due Proceſs of Law, and have ſince
' that Time gone on like a Torrent, bearing down all before them, and
' trampling upon all Law and Authority, as is well known to Your Excel-
' lency and Honours, ſo that the Laws, and His Majeſty's Authority, ceaſe
' to be that Protection to the Lives and Properties of the People His Ma-
' jeſty intends they ſhould be.

' It is with the greateſt Concern Your Memorialiſts obſerve, that the
' Endeavours of the Government and Magiſtrates to put the Laws in Execu-
' tion have been hitherto in vain; for notwithſtanding many of theſe com-
' mon Diſturbers ſtand indicted for High Treaſon, in levying War againſt
' our Sovereign Lord the King, yet ſuch is the Weakneſs of this Govern-
' ment, that they have not been able to bring one of them to Tryal and Pu-
' niſhment; but they go at large through the Province, exciting the People
' to Rebellion, and doing their Endeavours to prevent them from ſubmitting
' to the Government.

' The Contempt with which thoſe People have treated His Majeſty's
' gracious Mercy, extended to them by an Inſtrument of Pardon under the
' Great Seal of this Province, and the Lenity of the Legiſlature, but too
' plainly ſhews the Reſolution they have taken to maintain and defend them-
' ſelves by Force, againſt His Majeſty's Authority and Government, and
' throw off their Dependance upon the Crown of *Britain*.

' That His moſt ſacred Majeſty, by his high and kingly Office, and
' the Duties inſeperably annexed to the *Britiſh* Throne, is ſolemnly engaged
' to protect his People in the quiet Enjoyment of their Lives and Proper-
' ties, while they behave themſelves with Duty to His Authority, and Obe-
' dience to the Laws; and agreeable to the Conſtitutions of theſe his remote
' Dominions, has been graciouſly pleaſed to intruſt the Powers neceſſary to
' anſwer thoſe good Ends with Your Excellency and Honours, who he
' expects will do every Thing in their Power for the Preſervation of his
' Peace, the Support of his Royal Authority, and the Maintainance of the
' Laws of the Country.

' That as theſe Diſturbances have ſubſiſted for a long Time, in which
' His Majeſty's ſacred Name and kingly Power have been moſt publickly
' ſlighted

' ſlighted and contemned; ſhould they be ſuffered to go on much longer, ' Your Memorialiſts with Reaſon apprehend the Reſentment of His Majeſty, ' and a *Britiſh* Parliament, may be extended to the Province in general, and ' thereby the Innocent made to ſuffer in common with the Guilty.

' It is with very great Concern We find ourſelves laid under a Neceſſity ' of making our Application to Your Excellency and Honours: But ſuch ' is the preſent State of the Province, that We cannot in Duty to Ourſelves, ' or thoſe We repreſent, any longer delay it.

' Your Memorialiſts therefore humbly hope, Your Excellency and Ho- ' nours will effectually interpoſe at this Time, in ſupport of His Majeſty's ' Authority and Government, and by ſuch Ways and Methods as to Your ' Excellency and Honours ſhall ſeem moſt fit, to ſtrengthen the Hands of ' His Majeſty's Government and Officers, ſo as to enable them to carry ' into Execution the Laws of the Land, and thereby to ſecure and protect ' the Perſons and Eſtates of Your Memorialiſts and others within the ſaid ' Province, and to reſtore and preſerve to them and their Poſterity the ' Bleſſings of Domeſtick Peace.

By Order of the Council of Proprietors,

Perth-Amboy,
Nov. 30, 1748. ANDREW JOHNSTON, Preſident.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Memorial be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, according to leave, brought in a Bill *for the more effectual preventing the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon.*

And the Houſe being informed, that ſome evil-minded Perſons have killed Deer and ſtolen them out of Parks or other Incloſures; and taking the ſame into Conſideration, are of Opinion, that as this Seſſion is far advanced, and the forming a Bill fully to prevent ſuch Miſchiefs, and for the better Preſervation of Deer in General, will take too much Time at preſent; It is therefore Ordered, that Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Brick*, and Mr. *Emley*, do prepare and bring in a Bill at the next Meeting of the General Aſſembly for the above Purpoſes.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of* Middleſex *to build a Work-Houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid County, and to make Rules and Orders for the Government of the ſame*, was read and compared, and, on the Queſtion, whether the ſame do paſs or not, it was carried in the Affirmative.

I Yeas,

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Heard*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Emley*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,		
Mr. *Wright*,		

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Fiſher* carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Hopkins* wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe deſire to be informed what Progreſs they have made in the Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries*, &c. and in the Bill *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony*, &c. And alſo in the Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 2. 1748.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf waited on the Council with the Bill and Meſſage entruſted with them, and delivered the ſame to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf waited on the Council with the Meſſage committed to them, and delivered the ſame in Council.

Mr. *R. Smith* prayed leave to bring in a Bill, *to enable certain Perſons therein named, to build a Toll-Bridge over* Cooper's-*Creek*, *near* Thomas Spicer's, *in Caſe the Inhabitants of* Burlington *and* Glouceſter *ſhall not build the Bridge, as they are impowered to do by Law, within ſix Months after the Publication of this Act*.

Ordered,
That he have leave to lay the ſame before the Houſe at next Seſſion.

Reſolved,
That this Houſe will not proceed on any new Buſineſs during this Sitting, except for His Majeſty's eſpecial Service.

The

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government:* And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the ſaid Bill, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have made ſome Amendments to the Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota*'s, &c. to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, and he delivered the ſame to Mr. Speaker.

Alſo acquainting the Houſe, that the three Bills inquired after yeſterday, are under the Conſideration of Committees of the Council.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committtee, reported, that they have gone through the Bill, and come to ſundry Reſolutions thereupon.

And with leave he reported the ſame as follows,

Reſolved,
That the Government be ſupported for one Year, to commence the 10*th*, *Auguſt*, 1748, and to end the 10*th*, *Auguſt*, 1749. To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,
That in and by the Bill aboveſaid, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid,

To His Excellency, JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, for his Salary for ſaid one Year, the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*; and on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	who all voted for 800*£*.
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Spicer*.	
Mr. *R. Smith*,		

To

To the *Chief Juſtice* for the Time being, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, and, on the Queſtion, it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Hopkins*. who all for 50*£*.

To the Third Judge of the Supream Court for the Time being, the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Attorney-General for the Time being, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*; and on the Queſtion whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,	Nays.
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Brick*,
Mr. *Crane*.	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Spicer*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *R. Smith*,	who all voted
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	for 40*£*.

To each of the Treaſurers for the Time being, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Clerk of the Council for the Time being, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To *Richard Smith*, jun. Eſq; for the Uſe of *Richard Patridge*, Eſq; Agent of this Colony, or the Agent for the Time being, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Clerk of the Circuits for the Time being, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the Council for the Time being, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*. To which the Houſe agreed.

To His Excellency, JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, for Houſe-Rent for ſaid one Year. And on the Queſtion whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Kearny*,
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Brick*,	who all voted
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	for 100*£*.
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Spicer*.	

To

To any one of the Juſtices of the Supream Court, for attending any Court of *niſi prius* and Oyer and Terminer, according to ſaid Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.

To each of the Council for the Time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend at this or any other ſitting of General Aſſembly, during ſaid one Year, the Sum of *ſix Shillings* per Diem.

To the Second Judge of the Supream Court, when one ſhall be appointed, at the rate of *twenty five Pounds* for one Year.

To the Clerk of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time he hath attended, or ſhall attend, at this or any other ſitting during ſaid one Year; *eight Shillings* per Diem: Alſo *twelve Pounds* for entering the Votes of this and late Sittings, copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, Pen, Ink and Paper.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Votes and Laws of this or any other Sitting in ſaid Time, and of ſuch Laws lately paſſed as are not yet printed, ſuch Sum as *Richard Smith*, *Joſeph Cooper* and *Daniel Smith*, Eſqrs. or any two of them ſhall agree for.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, who attended, or ſhall attend, the Houſe of Repreſentatives at this or any other Sitting as aforeſaid, *three Shillings* per Diem.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, who attended or ſhall attend the Counell in Manner aforeſaid, *three ſhillings* per Diem.

To the Door-keeper of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the time being, for his attendance in manner aforeſaid, *three ſhillings* per Diem.

To *Andrew Johnſton*, *Eſq*; the Sum of *twenty ſhillings* per Week, to pay for the Uſe of a Room, &c. for the Houſe of Repreſentatives; and *fifteen ſhillings* per Week, for the Uſe of a Room, &c. for the Council, during this Sitting.

To *Thomas Rogers*, *ſeventeen ſhillings* for Firewood for the Uſe of the Houſe at a former Sitting.

To the *Speaker*, and each of the Members of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time they have attended, or ſhall attend, at this or any other Sitting during ſaid one Year, *ſix ſhillings* per Diem.

To all which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That the Bill be compleated purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; which was done accordingly.

Ordered,
That the Bill be Engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, *December* 3. 1748.

The Houſe met; And took into Conſideration, the Amendments of the Council to the Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's*, &c.

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? it paſſed in the Negative, *nemine Contradicente.*

Reſolved,
That the Houſe rejects the Amendments, and adheres to the Bill.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council with the ſaid Bill, and acquaint them thereof.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, deſiring the Concurrence of this Houſe to their Amendments to the Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries*, &c.

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and, with ſome Amendments to the ſame, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council with the Bill and Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

'Mr. *Speaker*,

'His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in 'the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. *Speaker* then left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency. And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, and that he was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid he had obtained a Copy.

And the ſaid Speech was read, and is as follows.

"*Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,*

'YOUR ſteady Application to ſo many of the Affairs of this Seſſion as 'have lain before You, makes Me hope this Court may ſoon riſe. 'But as yet I don't find any Motion made, either by the Council or by the 'Houſe of General Aſſembly, upon what I recommended to You, reſpect-'ing a villainous Combination of wicked Perſons, who are daily (as the 'Conſumption in the Body Natural) gnawing at the very Vitals of all Your 'Eſtates and Properties, by counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Pro-'vince, and the foreign Coins paſſing current among Us according to Law. 'This is an Iniquity to be puniſh'd by the Judges, and it is the undoubted 'Duty of the Legiſlature to ſtrengthen their Hands by ſome further effectual 'Law for bringing ſuch bold Offenders to condign Puniſhment.

'But, *Gentlemen*, I am ſorry to have occaſion to lay before You at this 'Time, what I have often mentioned, and that is, the unhappy Situation

of

' of this Province with reſpect to the great Number of Rioters in ſo many ' Parts of it, and this Notwithſtanding the great Lenity of the Government, ' in paſſing ſeveral Laws to draw them into their Duty and Obedience to ' the KING's Authority, and to the Laws of the Land. The Honourable the ' Council of Proprietors of the Eaſtern Diviſion of this Province have lately ' preſented me with a large Memorial of Complaint on this Head. And ' the Sheriff of the County of *Eſſex*, has laid before me, an Account of ' theſe audacious Villains forcing open the Doors of the County Goal, and ' delivering out a moſt notorious wicked Ringleader among theſe Rioters, ' who ſtood there committed for High Treaſon; and I have had brought ' me many other Informations in this Affair, which the Secretary ſhall de- ' liver You. And I believe You will then think with Me, that theſe Things ' are done in a ſort of open Rebellion againſt Our Sovereign Lord the King, ' His Crown and Dignity, and in manifeſt Contempt of all Laws Divine ' and Human. It is then the indiſpenſible Duty We owe to God, to the ' King, to the preſent and riſing Generation in this Province, no longer to ' dally or delay, but to rouſe out of Sleep, and do every poſſible Thing in ' Our Power, for ſuppreſſing and bringing to an End theſe dreadful Con- ' fuſions.

' And I muſt now apply Myſelf to You, *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*, ' in whoſe Province it lies, to grant Money for the Support and Protection ' of the Kings Government, and the Officers and others in the Execution ' of their Duty, that You would cheerfully do what may be neceſſary, ' and then I believe we ſhould ſoon ſee theſe Clouds ſcatter and be loſt.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

' The Eyes of Our Neighbours, as well as all thoſe of this Province, ' who are honeſt good Men and loyal Subjects to His Majeſty, are fix'd and ' waiting upon the Counſels and final Determinations of this Legiſlature in ' their preſent Seſſion: Let Me then conjure You, by Your love to the ' great Bleſſing of good Government, by that ſtrong Inducement Self-Intereſt, ' and in Love to Your Poſterity, that You would, without delay, in good ' Earneſt apply Yourſelves to the finding out ſome effectual Method for ' Cruſhing this vile Spirit of ſubverting all good Rule and Order.

Perth-Amboy, J. BELCHER.
December 3. 1748.

Ordered,
That His Excellency's Speech have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf waited on the Council with the Bills and Meſſages committed to them.

Mr. *Spicer* had leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, December 5, 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have agreed to the Amendments of this Houſe to the Council's Amendments to the Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries*, &c.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as now amended be Engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey *for One Year, to commence the Tenth Day of* Auguſt, 1748, *and to end the Tenth Day of* Auguſt, 1749, *and to Diſcharge the publick Debts, and the Arrearages and Contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared; and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame do paſs or not, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
	Mr. *Emley*.	

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Leaming* carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf performed the ſaid Order.

The *D. Secretary*, by Order of his Excellency, laid ſeveral Papers before the Houſe, relating to the Proceedings of the late Rioters, which were mentioned in his Excellency's Speech.

And the ſaid Papers were read, and ordered a ſecond reading, when his Excellency's Speech comes under Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Tueſday,

Tueſday, December 6. 1748.

The Houſe met.

The Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries*, &c. Engroſſed with the Amendments of the Council, and the Amendments of this Houſe to the Councils Amendments, was read and compared; and on the Queſtion whether the ſame as now Engroſſed do paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Kearny*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *Van Buſkirk*.	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Brick*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Emley*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	

Reſolved,
That the Bill do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Crane* carry the ſame to the Council.

His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

And the Memorial of the Council of Proprietors of the *Eaſtern* Diviſion of this Province, with the Papers laid before the Houſe by order of His Excellency, were alſo read a ſecond Time, and referred to the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe adjourned to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met; and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider His Excellency's Speech, and the ſeveral Papers to them referred.

After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Kearny* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf delivered the Bill intruſted with them to the Speaker in Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock

Wedneſday, December 7, 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington* was read, ſetting forth, that many Perſons having ſmall Freeholds, neglect their Employments and range about the Woods with looſe idle Perſons, and carry Guns and Dogs, in order to kill Deer and other Game,

and oftentimes kill Hogs and Cattle, and endanger Perſons being ſhot in going about their lawful Occaſions, and praying Redreſs.

Ordered,

That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill at next Seſſion *for the more effectual preventing the killing of Deer.*

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council adhere to their Amendments to the Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota*'s, &c. and he delivered the ſame to Mr. *Speaker*, and then withdrew.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and the Papers to them referred. And after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the Matters to them referred, and have come to a Reſolution to preſent an humble Addreſs to His Excellency in Anſwer to His Speech. To which the Houſe agreed.

A Motion was then made, and the Queſtion put, whether the Houſe think it neceſſary, at this Time, to make a Law for the more effectual bringing to Juſtice the Rioters and Diſturbers of the publick Peace of the Province ? and it paſſed in the Negative.

Nays,	Nays.	Yeas,
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Stelle*,
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Kearny*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Crane*.	Mr. *Hopkins*.	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
	Mr. *Emley*.	

The Nays do nevertheleſs think the Laws now in being ought to be put in Execution againſt the ſaid Rioters; and when their Defect ſhall appear to this Houſe, that ſuch other as may be thought neceſſary be then provided.

The Houſe adjourned to Two P. M.

The Houſe met.

The *D. Secretary*, by his Excellency's Order, laid before the Houſe three Affidavits touching the Meetings of the Rioters, and their cutting of Timber on ſeveral Perſons Lands, which were read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, December 8, 1748.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſire to be informed, what further Progreſs the Council have made in the Bills which they ſignified were under the Conſideration of Committees on the ſecond Inſtant; and alſo what Progreſs they have made in the other Bills ſent from this Houſe for their Concurrence, and which remain with them.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Meſſage to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard* in the following Words,

' *Ordered*,
' That Mr. *Leonard* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint ' them, that this Houſe having for ſometime had under their Conſideration, ' the State and Condition of the Province, and the many Riots and Treaſons ' that have been therein committed, within theſe few Years paſt, and finding ' that very few of thoſe Diſturbers have taken the Benefit of His Majeſty's ' gracious Pardon offered to them, but that ſome Hundreds have treated it ' with Contempt, and continue in their unlawful Practices, and are now ' aſſiduous in increaſing their Number and in levying Moneys, to the great ' Diſturbance of the Peace of the Province, and in high Contempt of His ' Majeſty's Authrority, tending to the utter Subverſion of the Laws of the ' Land, and deſtroying the Dependance of this Colony on the Crown of ' *Britain*, are therefore unanimouſly of Opinion, that the Legiſlature ought ' at this Time, without Delay, to fall upon ſome vigorous Meaſures to ' ſtrengthen the Hands of His Majeſty's Government, ſo as to enable the ' Officers thereof to carry into Execution the Laws of the Land, and thereby ' to protect the Perſons and Eſtates of the People, and to ſecure to His Ma- ' jeſty the Dependance of this Province; and for which End this Houſe requeſts ' a free Conferrence with the Houſe of Aſſembly upon the ſubject Matters ' aforeſaid, and have appointed Mr. *Chief Juſtice*, Mr. *Antill*, and Mr. ' *Kemble* to be a Committee of this Houſe, to join with a Committee of the ' Houſe of Aſſembly for that purpoſe; and the Speaker of this Houſe is ' requeſted to aſſiſt ſaid Committee.'

Mr. *R. Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, preſented the ſame to the Houſe; and it was received and read, and ſome Amendments made thereto.

and

And on the Queſtion whether the Houſe agreed to the ſame or not, it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. *Heard*,	Mr. *R. Smith*,	Mr. *Stelle*,
Mr. *Eatton*,	Mr. *D. Smith*,	Mr. *Kearny*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Wright*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Brick*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Van Buſkirk*.	Mr. *Emley*.	

Ordered,
That the Addreſs be Engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by their Clerk; requeſting the Liſt of the Perſons who have taken the Benefit of the Act of Pardon, which had been laid before the Houſe by the Governors Order.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Liſt, with the Bonds annexed, be delivered to the ſaid Clerk; which was done accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 9. 1748.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to His Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Leaming* wait on His Excellency, and know his Pleaſure when the Houſe may attend him with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Eatton* reported, that His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, that about 3 o'Clock he would ſend to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council requeſt this Houſe to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Subject Matter of the Coiners and Counterfeiters of Money, and that the Council have appointed Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Antill*, and Mr. *Kemble*, aſſiſted by their Speaker, to be a Committee, to confer with ſuch Committee as this Houſe ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe.

Mr. *Eatton* from the Committee appointed to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills, in Conjunction with a Committee of the Council, with leave,

delivered

delivered in a Report of their Proceedings, which was read, and approved of by the Houſe, and is as follows,

The Committees appointed to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit, agree, that *Mr. John Eatton* make the following Report to the Houſe of General Aſſembly, *viz.*

That there ſhould have been cancelled in Bills of Credit and brought into the Treaſury of the Eaſtern Diviſion from the ſeveral Counties therein, Of the £.20,000 in the Years 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748. and of the £.40,000 in the Years 1746, 1747, and 1748, as follows, *viz.*

Bergen,	Of the £.20,000 in each Year,	204	15	00	is	1023	15	00			
	Of the 40,000 - -	409	10	00		1228	10	00			
									2252	5	00
Eſſex,	Of the 20,000 - -	340	5	00		1701	5	00			
	A Deficiency reported in 1743,	-	-	-		266	17	6			
	Of the 40,000 - -	680	10	00		2041	10	00			
									3949	12	6
Middleſex,	Of the 20,000 - -	287	5	00		1436	5	00			
	Of the 40,000 - -	574	10	00		1723	10	00			
									3159	15	00
Monmouth,	Of the 20,000 - -	423	17	6		2119	7	6			
	A Deficiency reported in 1743,	-	-	-		12	5	9			
	Of the 40,000 - - -	847	15	00		2543	5	00			
									4674	18	3
Somerſet,	Of the 20,000 - -	97	10	00		487	10	00			
	Of the 40,000 - -	195	00	00		585	00	00			
									1072	10	00
									£. 15109	00	9

That *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; Treaſurer of ſaid Diviſion, laid before the Committees 48 Bundles of cancelled Bills, which were examined and burnt by them, brought into the Treaſury from the ſeveral Counties, as follows, *viz.*

Bergen, 5 Bundles, containing - - - -									2252	5	00
Eſſex, 11, - - - - - - - -									3925	4	00
Middleſex, 6 - - - - - - -									3159	15	00
Monmouth, 20, - - - - - -									3760	18	10
Somerſet, 6, - - - - - -									1072	10	00
								£.	14170	2	10
By which it appears that *Eſſex* is Deficient,					24	18	6				
Monmouth - -					914	9	5				
									938	17	11
								£.	15109	00	9

That the ſaid Treaſurer alſo laid before the Committees, 4 Bundles of cancelled, ragged, and torn Bills, received by him in Exchange for new Bills, which ragged Bills were examined and burnt by the Committees, amounting to - - - - - - - - - £.754 18 6

By Order of the Committees,

JAMES HUDE,
JOHN EATTON.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

' Mr. *Speaker*.

' His Excellency has ordered me to inform you, that he is in the Council ' Chamber, ready to receive your Addreſs.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency.

And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended His Excellency and preſented their Addreſs in the following Words.

To His Excellency, JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; *Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor, and Vice Admiral in the ſame*, &c.

The Humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

May it pleaſe Your Excellency,

' WE beg leave to return Your Excellency Our Thanks for the No- ' tice You are pleaſed to take of Our ſteady Application to the ' Affairs of this Seſſion, and to aſſure You, that We have been, and ſtill ' are, ſincerely diſpoſed to get thro' the Buſineſs of it with all poſſible Diſ- ' patch, that We might riſe, according to Our own Deſires, and Your Ex- ' cellency's Expectation.

' When Your Excellency, at the Opening of this Seſſion, acquainted Us ' with the Diſcovery of a Number of Perſons being concerned in the ' villainous Practices of counterfeiting Our Bills of Credit, and the foreign ' Coins paſſing current amongſt Us, We apprehended they would have been ' puniſhed by the Laws of this Colony, humbly conceiving, that were they ' duly put in Execution, they would be, (as they were at *Trenton*) ſufficient ' to bring the Offenders to condign Puniſhment; and as we have not heard, ' that the Officers have met with any Obſtruction in the Diſcharge of their ' Duties in that Behalf, We conclude the Defect, if any, muſt be in their ' Conduct.

' We are really ſorry Your Excellency meets with the troubleſome Occa- ' ſion of laying before Us the Unhappy Circumſtance of this Province, ' with Reſpect to the Number of Rioters in it; and this, after the great ' Lenity of the Government, to draw them into Obedience to the KING's ' Authority and the Laws of the Land: This We apprehended would ' have been both their Duty and Intereſt to have ſubmitted to, but ' the Accounts laid before Us from the County of *Eſſex*, of thoſe audacious ' Villains forcing open the Doors of the County Goal, and delivering out ' one of their wicked Ringleaders, give Us to underſtand, that ſome ' of them have ſlighted the Lenity of the Government and continue in ' their

'their wonted Obſtinacy, in oppoſing the Laws in a moſt dangerous and 'daring Manner: It is with the greateſt Concern, that We think of what 'may be the Conſequences of this audacious Madneſs, yet We cannot but 'be humbly of the Opinion, that the Laws now in being ought to be 'put more fully in Execution; and if then they prove inſufficient, their 'particular Defects may be pointed out to the next Meeting of Aſſembly, 'that they may be able to do what may be further neceſſary to be done on 'the Occaſion.

'This Houſe have paſſed a Bill in the beſt Manner they are able to do 'it at this Time for the Support of the Government and the Officers there-'of, and they are willing to raiſe Money by a Tax on the Inhabitants to 'ſupply the Deficiency of the Treaſury for thoſe Purpoſes, when they can 'obtain a Law to enable them to ſettle the Quota's of each County 'equally.

Divers of the Members being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

SAMUEL NEVILL, Speaker.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Saturday, December 10, 1748.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe have in their Addreſs of Yeſterday to his Excellency ſignifyed their Sentiments on both the ſubject Matters propoſed by the Council to be conferred upon; and that they ſhould be glad to have theirs on the Bills before them, that when they are gone through, this Houſe may apply to his Excellency to put an End to the Sitting, as they have nothing elſe before them.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf waited on the Council with the ſaid Meſſage, and delivered the ſame to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows,

'*Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,*

'I AM ſorry to find in Your Addreſs preſented to Me Yeſterday, ſo little 'of a ſubſtantial Anſwer to what I ſo earneſtly recommended to You a 'few Days ago: And I look upon it Your Duty to make a Grant of Money 'for paying Men that may be raiſed for guarding the Goals of the Province, 'and for protecting the civil Officers of the Government; and that You joyn 'with the other Branches of the Legiſlature in falling upon ſome good Law 'or Laws for bringing a great Number of the Counterfeiters of Our Money,

and

' and of the vile Combinations of Rioters in many Parts of the Province, to ' ſuch Puniſhment as may be adequate to their heinous Crimes; and unleſs ' You quickly come into the Meaſures I have now mentioned, I expect this ' Province and People will ſoon become a Scene of wild Diſtraction and ' Confuſion, and a Stage for every evil Work.'

J. Belcher.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, December 12. 1748.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, December 13. 1748.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble* (in Anſwer to the Meſſage of this Houſe of *Saturday* laſt) which he read, and delivered to Mr *Speaker*, and then withdrew.

And the ſaid Meſſage was again read, and is as follows.

' Mr. *Leonard*, Chairman of the Committee, to whom it was referred to ' conſider of the Meſſage of the Houſe of Aſſembly to this Houſe, and an ' Anſwer thereto, reported, that the ſaid Committee, having taken into Con- ' ſideration the ſaid Meſſage and Addreſs to His Excellency therein mentioned ' and referred to, upon Reading the ſaid Addreſs, Mr. *Chief Juſtice* obſerved, ' That he apprehended it contained Reflections on the Governor and Of- ' ficers of the Government in general, whoſe Duty it was to put the Laws in ' Execution, and do Juſtice upon the Criminals therein mentioned; and that as ' he was *Chief Juſtice* of the Province, and conſequently one of thoſe Officers, ' he conceived it might reflect on him; that the Committee was well acquaint- ' ed with him, no Stranger to his Conduct in theſe Affairs, and if in any Thing ' they could point out that he was blame worthy, he would do his utmoſt ' to repair his Fault: If on the other Hand, they thought him no Ways ' blame worthy, that they would in his Juſtification declare it in ſuch ' manner as ſhould be thought proper. And then Mr. *Chief Juſtice* withdrew.

' Then the ſaid Committee taking into Conſideration thoſe Parts of the ' ſaid Addreſs wherein the Officers of the Government are mentioned, do ' find it contains general Reflections, and that as they do not diſtinguiſh any ' Perſons in particular, he had juſt Reaſon to apprehend he might be meant ' as one of thoſe Officers; whereupon the Committee came to the follow- ' ing Reſolution.

Reſolved,

' That this Committee are well acquainted with the Perſon and Character ' of *Chief Juſtice Morris*, and with his Behaviour, and great and inde- ' fatigable Application in order to diſcover and bring theſe Criminals to ' Juſtice; and it is the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, that he

' he has done his utmoſt, and neglected nothing in his Power, proper or ' rational, to be done for that purpoſe. And that His Excellency the Go- ' vernor ſeems to be of the ſame Sentiments, as appears by His Excellency's ' Speech to both Houſes at the beginning of this Seſſion.

' Then the *Chief Juſtice* was called in, and took his Place.

' This Committee then farther proceeded in conſidering the ſaid Meſſage ' and Addreſs, and the State of this Province, in Relation to the Coiners, ' Counterfeiters, Traitors, and Rioters, and thereon came to the following ' Reſolutions.

' *Reſolved*,

' That as moſt of the Counterfeiters and Coiners, already diſcovered, are ' Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, and have many Relations living ' there; and from the Examinations already taken, there's Reaſon to ſuſpect, ' that the Perſons unknown, who have been concerned in that villainous ' Practice, are many more in Number than the Perſons already diſcovered ' and known; and being ſo, it is impoſſible for the Sheriff to know, but ' that many of the Jurors he returns for Tryal of thoſe Criminals, are either ' equally guilty with the Criminals to be tryed, or Relations of thoſe who ' are ſo. It is therefore the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, that it ' would tend to defeat Juſtice to try any of thoſe Criminals in, or by Juries ' of the County of *Morris*.

' *Reſolved*,

' That in order to do Juſtice on thoſe Criminals, an Act of Aſſembly is ' neceſſary to enable his Excellency the Governor to iſſue Commiſſions for ' Trying them in other Counties, where the like Dangers are leaſt to be ' apprehended.

' *Reſolved*,

' For the above Reaſon, that his Excellency the Governor was in his Duty, ' in not iſſuing a Commiſſion to try theſe and other Criminals in the County ' of *Morris*; and will be in his Duty, in refuſing to iſſue Commiſſions for ' Tryal of any of them in that County.

' *Reſolved*,

' That as to ſuch few of the Coiners and Counterfeiters as are in the ' Counties of *Eſſex*, *Hunterdon* and *Somerſet*, it's the Opinion of this Com- ' mittee, that while thoſe Counties continue in their preſent State of rioting ' and breaking Goals, as has ſo often been already done, it would be ex- ' poſing his Majeſty's Authority, and the Perſons of the Judges and Officers, ' to great Danger and Contempt, to hold any Court of *Oyer and Terminer* ' *and General Goal Delivery* in either of thoſe Counties, for Tryal of thoſe ' and other Criminals, until a ſufficient Force be raiſed to guard and protect ' His Majeſty's Goals, and the Judges and Officers while they are there in ' the Execution of ſuch Commiſſions.

' *Reſolved*,

' That as there are many Hundreds of Traytors and Rioters in the Coun- ' ties of *Eſſex*, *Hunterdon* and *Somerſet*, and but very few of theſe as yet

 diſcovered,

' diſcovered, in compariſon with their whole Number; and as thoſe known ' and unknown have numerous Relations in theſe Counties, it is impoſſible ' for a Sheriff of either of thoſe Counties to know, but that many of the ' Jurors he returns for Tryal of theſe Criminals, are either equally guilty, or ' Relations of thoſe who are equally guilty, with the Criminals to be tryed; ' and as the Goals of theſe Counties have already been ſo often broke, and ' the Traytors and Rioters therein committed, reſcued by Mobs of Hundreds ' of People at a Time, it's the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, that ' no ſafe or impartial Tryal can be had of any of thoſe Criminals in either ' of the ſaid Counties.

' *Reſolved*,

' That for the above Reaſon His Excellency the Governor, was in His ' Duty in not iſſuing any Commiſſion of *Oyer and Terminer and Goal De-* ' *livery* to any of the ſaid three Counties, and will continue in His Duty ' in refuſing to grant ſuch, while thoſe Counties continue in the above Cir- ' cumſtances.

' *Reſolved*,

' In order to do Juſtice on thoſe Criminals, it's neceſſary that an Act of ' Aſſembly be paſſed to enable His Excellency to iſſue Commiſſions to other ' Counties for the Tryals of thoſe Criminals.

' *Reſolved*,

' That as the Rioters had the Inſolence to come in Hundreds to the City ' of *Perth-Amboy*, the Capital of the Eaſtern Diviſion of *New-Jerſey*, tho' ' no one Perſon in that City is known or ſuppoſed to be a Countenancer ' of them, and traiterouſly and riotouſly broke open His Majeſty's Priſon ' there, no Court can reaſonably expect to be ſafe in the Tryal of any of ' thoſe Criminals in other Counties, without a ſufficient Force to guard them ' againſt the Multitudes that the Traitors and Rioters can bring to Inſult ' the Courts of Juſtice, and reſcue the Priſoners out of their Cuſtody.

' *Reſolved*,

' That it is the incumbent Duty of the Legiſlature to interpoſe at this ' Time, without further Delay, to give Strength to the Government, by ' ſupplying them with ſuch Sums of Money for raiſing and maintaining ſo ' many Troops as may be thought neceſſary on this Occaſion, to protect the ' Officers of the Government in the Execution of the Laws, and for defray- ' ing the extraordinary Charge of bringing thoſe Criminals to, and trying ' them in other Counties.

' To which Reſolutions this Houſe unanimouſly agreed.

' This Houſe then proceeded to the further Conſideration of the ſaid ' Meſſage, Addreſs, and State of the Province, in Relation to the Traitors ' and Rioters, whereon, as the Aſſembly have referred this Houſe to the ' ſaid Addreſs, We think it proper to Remark concerning theſe Matters; ' that We have now conſidered the many ſtrong and preſſing Recom- ' mendations of Governor *Morris*, Preſident *Hamilton*, and of His Excel-

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' lency the preſent Governor, to the Aſſembly, to ſtrengthen the Hands of
' the Government, ſo as to enable the Officers thereof to put the Laws in
' Execution, appearing by the Minutes of Aſſembly of *September* 28, 1745,
' *October* 18, 1745; *March* 4, 1745; *June* 28, 1746; *October* 10, 1746;
' *May* 6, 1747; *Auguſt* 20, 1747; *November* 18, 1747; and *December*
' 3, 1748: And to the firſt of thoſe Recommendations, the Aſſembly, by
' their Minute of *October* 3, 1745, anſwered; That as far as they knew,
' the Laws then in Force were ſufficient for the Puniſhment of thoſe that are
' guilty of the Breach of them: And when any Deficiency in the Laws
' was pointed out to them, for bringing to condign Puniſhment any of the
' Offenders mentioned, it ſhould always have its due weight with that
' Houſe. We ſhall paſs over the other Anſwers of the Aſſembly to the
' other Recommendations, for Brevity, and only obſerve, that on the Re-
' commendations of *Auguſt* and *November* 1747, Committees of the Coun-
' cil and Aſſembly, on the 15th of *January* 1747, declared themſelves una-
' nimouſly of Opinion, that it would be neceſſary that the Legiſlature
' ſhould interpoſe, to reſtore the Peace of the Province, and give Force to
' the Laws of the Country, which they declared had been moſt notoriouſly
' violated; for which Purpoſe they were of Opinion, that effectual Meaſures
' ſhould be taken by the Legiſlature to ſtrengthen the Hands of His Ma-
' jeſty's Government, ſo as to enable them to carry the Laws of the Land
' into Execution, that His Majeſty's Subjects might again enjoy the Benefit
' and Protection of them, and that a proper Act or Acts ſhould be prepared
' and paſſed for preventing the like inteſtine Troubles for the Time to come.
' And the Committees further agreed, that the Gentlemen of the Houſe of
' Aſſembly ſhould propoſe it to their Houſe, to prepare and bring in a Bill
' or Bills for thoſe Purpoſes. Which joint and unanimous Opinion of the
' the ſaid Committees was reported and agreed to by both Houſes; as by
' their Minutes of *January* 19, 1747, appears.

' That a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, on the 23d of *January*,
' 1747, amongſt other Things, reported and declared it as their Opinion,
' That Proviſion ſhould be from Time to Time made, as Occaſion might
' require, for defraying the neceſſary Expences that might ariſe by the legal
' Calling the Forces of this Colony together, for the repelling and ſuppreſſing
' Invaſions, Inſurrections, and Rebellions, or upon any neceſſary Occaſion
' whatſoever. Which Report was agreed to, as by the Minute of the
' Aſſembly of that Day appears.

' And We muſt obſerve, that by an Act of the whole Legiſlature, paſs'd
' that Seſſion, its declared, that within three Years then laſt paſt, many and
' great Riots and Diſorders had been committed within this Colony by Mul-
' titudes of People, on pretence that they laboured under Grievances, and
' that the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature, then met and aſſembled to-
' gether, heartily diſpoſed to enquire into the ſaid Grievances and Oppreſſions,
' and to give Relief therein as far as in them lay; upon mature Delibration
' did not find, but that the Matters complained of were remediable in His
' Majeſty's Courts of Juſtice of Law and Equity, which were open to all,
' and to which the Complainers might have had Recourſe. And by the
' ſame Act was declared the ſaid Agreement of the Council and Aſſembly,

' that

' that effectual Meaſures ſhould be taken to ſtrengthen the Hands of His ' Majeſty's Government, ſo as to enable them to carry the Laws of the ' Land into Execution, that His Majeſty's Subjects might again enjoy ' the Benefit and Protection of them; as by that Act amongſt other Things ' appears.

' And We do further obſerve, that on the 17th Day of *February*, 1747. ' His Excellency the Governor paſſed His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon, ' entitled, *An Act to pardon the Perſons guilty of the Inſurrections, Riots, ' and Diſorders raiſed and committed in this Province*; which was thank- ' fully accepted by both Houſes of the Council and Aſſembly: By which all ' thoſe Criminals were Pardoned, upon Condition, that thoſe who had been ' Indicted, Recorded, and Proſecuted, ſhould within ſix Months take the ' Oaths to the Government preſcribed by the Laws of this Province, and ' give their own ſingle Bonds ſeverally, in the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, ' to keep the Peace for Three Years, reſtore the Poſſeſſions they had forcibly ' taken, and pay the Fees of their Proſecutions; and as to ſuch as ſtood ' indicted, or might be indicted of *High Treaſon*, a Stay of Proſecution was ' granted, until His Majeſty's Pleaſure ſhould be known, upon their com- ' plying with the Terms before.

' We muſt obſerve, that by the Depoſitions and other Evidences that have ' been before this Houſe, and were ſent to the Houſe of Aſſembly before ' the ſaid Addreſs, no more than Twenty-three Perſons, of the many Hun- ' dreds that ſtood in need of the ſaid Pardon, had accepted of the Benefit ' thereof; and that no more than nine of thoſe Twenty-three appear- ' ed to have complyed with all the Terms thereof. By thoſe Evi- ' dences it appears, that the Rioters, during the ſaid ſix Months and ' ſince, continued by Force and Arms to plunder particular Men's Eſtates ' as before; and were aſſiduous during that Time, and ſince, to gain ' People over to their Combinations, and to levy Monies. That by ' thoſe Evidences the Plunder they have made of particular Men's Eſtates ' is of very great Value; and from thoſe Evidences, and other good In- ' formations, We have Reaſon to believe, of far more value than would ' have been ſufficient to have raiſed One Thouſand regular Forces, and ' maintain'd them for a Year; whereas half that Number for ſix Months ' is now more than ſufficient to give the Laws their full Force; and the ' fourth Part of that would have been ſufficient a Year ago, and the tenth ' Part of it ſufficient three Years ago. No one of the many Poſſeſſions ' which the Rioters have forcibly taken and detained, appears to have been ' reſtored.

' By theſe Evidences appears ſome of the many Artifices they uſe to bring ' and keep People into their Combinations, ſuch as the Threats of pulling ' down their Houſes if they enter not with them, and Fears of Death if ' they Deſert, and by cajolling others with the Merit of defending their ' Country by joining with them.

' By theſe Evidences, and the Evidences that were before this Houſe and ' the Aſſembly at laſt Seſſions, it appears, there have been above Twenty

' Riots

'Riots, traiterous and unlawful Aſſemblies within three Years laſt 'paſt; and yet the Weakneſs of the Government has been, and is ſuch, 'as not to be able to hold any one of thoſe Criminals in Goal any longer 'than thoſe combined with them think proper. The chief Ringleader '*Amos Roberts*, while this Aſſembly is ſitting, at only Twenty Miles 'diſtance from this Place, being committed on Proceſs of Treaſon in the 'Morning of the Twenty-eighth of *November* laſt, at Sun-ſet of the ſame 'Day the Goal was broke open and he reſcued. By theſe Evidences it ap-'pears, that the very next Day he rid openly at Noon-day, with ſeveral of 'his Accomplices, from *Newark* to the Widow *Hampton*'s at *Raway*, with-'in nine Miles of this Place where the Legiſlature is ſitting, and there met 'with ſeveral others of the Rioters and Traitors, who came upon a prior 'Appointment from the different Parts of this Province, and that their Bu-'ſineſs was the entring into new Combinations for their mutual Defence and 'raiſing Money, dividing into Wards, and appointing Officers for thoſe Pur-'poſes. By theſe Evidences it appears, that they have Captains over the 'particular Rioters in particular Places of this Province, and that the ſaid '*Amos Roberts* is the Chief of all.

'It was well known to the Houſe of Aſſembly, from the Depoſitions 'and Papers laid before them at the laſt Seſſions, that many Hundreds 'were concerned in the Treaſons and Riots committed in this Province; 'and by the Papers which were before them at the Time of making their 'ſaid Addreſs, it plainly appears, that only Twenty-three, of thoſe many 'Hundreds, had taken the Benefit of the Lenity of the Government, which 'leaves us at a Loſs what to think of that Expreſſion in their Addreſs, '*That ſome of them have ſlighted the Lenity of the Government*; thereby 'inſinuating, that only a few *continue in their wonted Obſtinacy in oppoſing the Laws*; when the Contrary appears by the ſaid Evidences before them, 'and was and is notoriouſly known throughout this Province.

'We are equally at a Loſs to know, what they mean, when they ſay, '*It's with the greateſt Concern, that they think what may be the Conſe-'quences of this audacious Madneſs*, when the Conſequences are ſo obvious 'to every Man, and when they have been ſo often laid before them, as by 'the nine ſeveral Recommendations to them of that Matter, herein before 'pointed out, appears.

'It is with the greateſt Grief and Concern, that We obſerve, that the 'Houſe of Aſſembly have by their ſaid Addreſs, now come to doubt whe-'ther the preſent Laws be not of themſelves ſufficient, and that after their 'ſo ſtrong Reſolutions and Declarations, of laſt Seſſions, herein before 'mentioned, and no one Thing to this Day done to ſtrengthen the Hands 'of the Government, purſuant to theſe Reſolutions and Declarations, nor 'one Penny of Money put into the Treaſury for that Purpoſe. We are 'grieved to ſay, what's ſo obvious to every one, as they can ſcarcely avoid 'ſeeing it, by comparing this Doubt of the Aſſembly with their Anſwer of '*October* 3, 1745, to the firſt Recommendation of this Matter to them, 'that after three Years Recommendations of this Matter, many Promiſes, 'Reſolutions, and Declarations, by Votes and by Acts, to put an End to

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' theſe Diſturbances, the Aſſembly have got juſt to where they were at ' the Beginning in *October* 3, 1745, *viz.* to doubt whether the Laws alone ' without their Aid be not ſufficient.

' We ſhall be as far as the Aſſembly from forbidding the Courts of Juſtice ' and the Officers thereof from iſſuing the due Proceſs of Law againſt ' every Offender, its their Duty to do it, and neither of the Houſes have ' any Right whatſoever to forbid them; but yet it ſeems obvious to us, that ' every Execution of Proceſs, without ſtrengthening the Hands of the ' Government, ſo as to protect the Goals, and every Reſcue from thence; ' brings His Majeſty's Name, Authority, and Laws more and more into ' Contempt, and increaſes the Number and Guilt of the Delinquents; and ' what the Conſequences of that will be, are obvious: The only good End ' that we know of that it can ſerve is, to ſhew that the Officers of the Go- ' vernment have done their Duty, and that the not bringing thoſe Criminals ' to Juſtice is not their Faults.

' The Law *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quota's of each County*, ' might have been had laſt Seſſion at *Burlington*, and may ſtill this Seſſion ' be had; for no Difference on that Head was or is between the two ' Houſes but upon one of His Majeſty's Royal Inſtructions to His Excel- ' lency to this Purpoſe, *viz. That he ſhall not give his Aſſent to any Act ' which lays any Tax upon unprofitable Lands.* The Quota Bill, as ſent up ' to this Houſe, did, in the Opinion thereof, break in upon that Inſtruction ' (tho' both Houſes were previouſly furniſhed by His Excellency with a ' Copy of it) the Words in the Bill as it came up, were nearly theſe, *All ' profitable Tracts of Land held by Patent Deed or Survey whereon any ' Improvement is made*, were to be taxed. This Houſe conceived thoſe ' Words gave room to break in upon the ſaid Inſtruction, by giving too ' great a Latitude to the Aſſeſſors; for there are few Tracts but what con- ' tain ſome unprofitable Lands, and, if any, it was contrary to that Inſtruc- ' tion to tax them. The Bill was ſent down to the Aſſembly amended ſo ' as they conceived would be agreeable to the ſaid Inſtruction: The Houſe ' of Aſſembly rejected the Amendment, and this Houſe ſent the Bill back ' to them with an Adherence to the Amendment, and it lies at the Door ' of the Aſſembly to demand a Conference on that Head; and We declare it ' as Our Opinion, that the Bill ought to be as yet paſſed this Seſſion, with or ' without a Conferrence, upon the Aſſembly's agreeing in any Manner to ' make it conformable to the ſaid Inſtruction; for in this Time of Danger, ' and when ſupplying the Treaſury is ſo neceſſary, We think, in any thing ' that may tend to that End, that Ceremonies are not to be inſiſted on; ' We declare Our ſelves alſo ready to agree to ſhorter Times for having ' the Quota's returned than in that Bill are mentioned, ſeeing that Bill, ' were it paſſed, cannot enable the Legiſlature by any other Act, to bring ' any Money into the Treaſury in leſs than a Year to come; and no Money is ' now in the Treaſury, either for the uſual Charges of Government, or for the ' extraordinary Neceſſities thereof at this Time, when its ſo much wanted.

' We cannot but obſerve, that there's an abſolute Neceſſity at this Time, ' of ſupplying the Treaſury for the above extraordinary Charges of Govern-

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'ment at any poſſible Rate; and We make no Doubt that there are many 'Way of doing it forthwith, without the Aid of that Bill; ſuch as a ſhort 'Act, impowering the Treaſurers to borrow Money at lawful Intereſt on 'their Notes, and upon that Act; and We doubt not, but that any Sum 'needful could in a few Weeks by that Means be raiſed.

'We have ſome Reaſon to gueſs at the Sentiments of the Aſſembly on 'both the Subject Matters propoſed to them by this Houſe, which they ſay, 'in their Meſſage before Us, *They had ſignified in their Addreſs to His 'Excellency*; but as that was to His Excellency, and not to this Houſe, 'and is not peremptory, whether the Aſſembly will or will not confer 'with this Houſe on the Subject Matters propoſed, this Houſe conceives 'itſelf intitled to, and therefore inſiſt on a Categorical anſwer from the Aſ-'ſembly on theſe Points.

'Upon the whole, this Houſe is clearly of Opinion, that it is the indiſ-'penſible Duty of both Houſes at this Time, heartily to joyn with his Ex-'cellency in the moſt effectual means to put a ſtop to theſe growing Evils, 'that ſo evidently tend to the utter Subverſion of our happy Conſtitution, 'and to the throwing off the Dependance of this Colony on the Crown of '*Great-Britain*; and that, ſhould the preſent Seſſion Riſe, without effecting 'a purpoſe ſo abſolutely neceſſary, it will evidently be attended with ſuch 'Conſequences as may render the thing Impracticable by this Legiſlature 'for the future.'

Ordered,
That ſaid Meſſage have a ſecond reading.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex* to build a Work-Houſe, &c. paſſed the Council the *9th.* Inſtant.

Alſo, that the Bill for Naturalizing *Hendrick Goeglets*, paſſed the Council the ſame Day.

And alſo, that the Council have made an Amendment to the Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, and he delivered the Bill and Amendment to Mr. *Speaker*, and then withdrew.

And the ſaid Amendment was read in its Place and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſame be Engroſſed in its Place in the Bill.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill aforeſaid being Re-Engroſſed in that Part where the Amend-

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ment was made, with the Amendment in its Place, was compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the Bill as now Engroſſed do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Hopkins* wait on the Council with the ſame, alſo,

Ordered,
That they acquaint the Council, that this Houſe deſire an anſwer to their Meſſages with reſpect to the Bills ſent from this Houſe, which yet remain under the Council's Conſideration.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf performed the ſaid Orders.

Mr. *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that Mr. *Kearny* and himſelf had made ſome Progreſs in collecting the Laws now in Force in this Colony into one Body, and examining the ſame, &c. purſuant to the Order of this Houſe at their laſt Seſſion at *Burlington*, and that they deſire ſome further Directions and Inſtructions from the Houſe in order to compleat the ſaid Work.

The Houſe having taken the ſame into Conſideration.

Ordered,
1. That exact Copies of all the Laws in Force in this Colony from the time of the Surrender of the Government thereof, be collated in one Volume.

2. That each Act be carefully examined and corrected by the Original in the Secretary's Office.

3. That ſearch be made (where it ſhall be neceſſary) in the Council Books and Journals of the General Aſſembly, in order to diſtinguiſh what Acts have had the Royal Aſſent, what are repealed, what are expired, and what are diſallowed of by the Crown.

4. That a Table be compoſed, wherein the Titles of all the publick Acts paſſed within the ſaid Series of Time ſhall be incerted in their proper Order, diſtinguiſhing therein (if Temporary) when the ſaid Acts were revived, when repealed, and when expired; as alſo another Table, wherein the Titles of all the private Acts, paſſed within the ſaid Series of Time ſhall likewiſe be incerted in their proper Order.

5. That all the publick Acts now in Force be diſtributed into Chapters, each Act a Chapter, and each Chapter ſhall be Subdivided in Sections and numbered.

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6. That the Subſtance of each Section be abſtracted and a Marginal Note made thereof.

7. That proper Referrences be made from one publick Act to another where the Matter in one Act, may relate to a Head or Principal Matter in another.

8. That a compleat Index be compiled of all the principal Matters contained in the Body of the Book, Alphabetically digeſted, with exact Referrences to each Matter, in every Act and Section, ſo that the Reader may at one view Diſcover any particular Matter in the whole Body of Laws.

9. That a compleat Copy of the whole work be prepared and made ready for the Preſs, and laid before the General Aſſembly for their Reviſal and Approbation, as ſoon as Conveniently may be.

10. That a Collection be made of the Acts paſſed in the Time of the Proprietors Government, both in the Eaſtern and Weſtern Diviſion, and that they be laid before the General Aſſembly.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* and Mr. *Kearny* do carry on the ſaid Work, according to the foregoing Directions, and that they have free Acceſs to the Original Laws and other publick Records of this Colony for that purpoſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, December 14. 1748.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leonard* brought from the Council the Bill *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony, for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes*, with ſome Amendments.

And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That ſuch parts of the Bill where the Amendments come in, be Re-Engroſſed with the Amendments in their Places.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, December 15, 1748.

The Houſe met.

The Bill abovelaid being re-engroſſed in ſuch Parts where the Amend-

ments were made, with the Amendments in their Places, was compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame, as now Engroſſed, do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Brick* wait on the Council with the ſaid Bill, and inform them thereof.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage to Mr. *Johnſton*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Council's Meſſage of *Tueſday* laſt by Mr. *Kemble*, was read a ſecond Time, and the Houſe having conſidered the ſame, came to the following Reſolutions,

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Meſſage contains divers Inſinuations, grounded on Suggeſtions only, reflecting injuriouſly on the Sentiments and Proceedings of this Houſe,

Reſolved,
That the Council's aſſuming a Power therein, of directing the Methods of raiſing of Money in this Colony, is a manifeſt Infringment on the Rights and Privileges of this Houſe.

Reſolved,
That this Houſe have a right to enjoy their own Sentiments in all Matters and Things that ſhall come before them, without being accountable to, or cenſured by the Council for the ſame.

Reſolved,
That to ſit here, after the Seſſion is near riſing, to maintain a Controverſy with the Council, would be very Expenſive to the Colony, and that therefore the Houſe will not, at this Time, give any other Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hancock* wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the Houſe not having received any Anſwer with reſpect to the Bill *for the Support of the Government*, which yet remains under the Council's Conſideration, deſire to be informed, what they have done therein, ſeeing this Houſe ſit at a great Expence to the Publick, and have now nothing elſe before them.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf, perform'd the above Order. A Meſſage

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, which he read, and then delivered to Mr. *Speaker*.

And the ſaid Meſſage was again read, and is as follows,

'In Anſwer to the Meſſage of the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, 'wherein they ſay, they have now nothing elſe before them but the 'Bill therein mentioned.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Morris* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that this Houſe 'do ſay, that there has been laid before them the Affidavits and Evidences 'that ſhew a traiterous Conſpiracy within this Province againſt His Majeſty's 'Crown and Dignity; that they have Proofs before them, that Numbers of 'Men, who ſtand indicted and accuſed of *High Treaſon*, in levying War 'againſt Our Sovereign Lord the KING, do now at this Time go publickly 'about the Province, in open Contempt of the Royal Authority, exciting 'His Majeſty's Subjects to Rebellion and Treaſon: That there has been laid 'before them Proofs, that all the many Endeavours of the Government to 'put an End to the traiterous Practices of theſe bold and daring People have 'proved ineffectual; and they have now before them two ſeveral Meſſages 'from this Houſe, demanding a Conferrence with them upon theſe important 'Subjects; That they have alſo before them a Meſſage from this Houſe de-'manding a Conference on the Subject Matter of the Counterfeiters and Coiners 'within this Province; to neither of which has this Houſe received any 'poſitive Anſwer.

'If theſe Things are nothing in the Eyes of the Aſſembly, We are ſorry 'for it; but We declare, that We think them of ſuch Importance to the 'Peace and Safety of the Province, and to Our juſt Dependance on the 'Crown of *Britain*, that We cannot, conſiſtent with the Oaths We have 'taken, to bear Faith and true Allegiance to His Majeſty King GEORGE 'the *Second*, and him to defend to the utmoſt of Our Power, againſt all 'traiterous Conſpiracies and Attempts whatſoever, which ſhall be made 'againſt his Perſon, Crown, or Dignity, and to do Our utmoſt Endeavours 'to diſcloſe and make known to His Majeſty all Treaſons and traiterous Con-'ſpiracies, which We know to be againſt him; We ſay, We cannot, con-'ſiſtent with Our ſaid Oaths, Our Duty to His Majeſty, and Truſt repoſed 'in Us, paſs theſe Matters over in ſilence, or ſuffer Our ſelves to be divert-'ed from doing every thing in Our Power without Delay for putting an 'End to theſe unhappy Diſturbances and Villanies: And this Houſe do 'therefore again inſiſt on categorical Anſwers to the ſaid Meſſages of this 'Houſe on the Subject Matters aforeſaid.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the Houſe have read and conſidered their Meſſage of this Afternoon by Mr. *Morris*; and in anſwer thereto do ſend them a Copy of the Reſolutions which this Houſe had come into this Morning before the Meſ-ſage ſent the Council mentioned in theirs; and that this Houſe look upon them-

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ſelves as loyal Subjects to KING GEORGE the *Second*, as any of the Council, notwithſtanding their Sentiments remain the ſame as they were, when they came to theſe Reſolutions; and that the Council need expect no other Anſwer at this Time from this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 16. 1748.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf delivered the above Meſſage to Mr. *Leonard*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being tir'd out with the Tediouſneſs of this Seſſion, and having nothing before them, except the *Support Bill*, which was ſent to the Council the Fifth of this Inſtant, and which they have often enquired after, and can have no Account of; and being very deſirous they may riſe, the Seaſon of the Year being difficult, and uncomfortable, do pray His Excellency would be pleaſed to give them ſome reaſonable Receſs.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf had waited on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe; and that His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, that he would make all the Diſpatch he could.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Bill *for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, paſſed the Council this Day.

A Meſſage from the Council, which was read, and is as follows,

Ordered,
'That Mr. *Hude* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that this Houſe 'having particularly conſidered the Reſolves of the Houſe of Aſſembly of the '15th Inſtant, in Anſwer thereto, this Houſe unanimouſly came to the fol-'lowing Reſolutions,

'*Reſolved*,
'That this Houſe is of Opinion, that the Meſſage in the ſaid Reſolves 'mentioned, contains no Inſinuations or Suggeſtions only; and that clear 'Proofs have appeared before that and this Houſe of all the Matters therein 'ſuggeſted; but yet, if the Houſe of Aſſembly will point out any thing 'therein that We cannot ſupport with thoſe Proofs, We ſhall be ready 'thereon to make all the Satisfaction to that Houſe which the Nature of the 'Thing requires.

'*Reſolved*,
'That this Houſe have not in their ſaid Meſſage, aſſum'd the Power of

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' directing the Methods of raiſing of Money, nor infringed on any Rights ' or Priviledges of the Houſe of Aſſembly.

' *Reſolved*,

' That it's the Right of this Houſe to adviſe and propoſe as to the Me- ' thods of raiſing and diſpoſing of Money, and to agree or diſagree to any ' Methods that the Houſe of Aſſembly ſhall reſolve on for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved,

' That this Houſe have no Ways called in Queſtion the Right of the ' Houſe of Aſſembly, to enioy their own Sentiments, nor have this Houſe ' claimed a Right to call them to an Account for the ſame.

' *Reſolved*,

' That this Houſe have a Right to declare their Sentiments, when they ' conceive it proper and neceſſary, upon any Proceedings of the Houſe of ' Aſſembly; and more eſpecially, when We conceive the Conſtitution and ' Dependance of this Province on the Crown of *Britain* are in Danger.'

Mr. *Secretary* had from this Houſe Eleven Papers relating to the Rioters, which had been laid before the Houſe this Seſſion.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by the D. Clerk of the Council.

' Mr. *Speaker*,

' His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in ' the Council Chamber immediately.'

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe waited upon His Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to ſix Bills, enacting the ſame, entitled as follows,

1. *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey *for one Year, to commence the* Tenth *Day of* Auguſt, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight, *and to end the* Tenth *Day of* Auguſt, One Thouſand Seven Hundred *and* Forty-Nine; *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof.*

2. *An Act to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony for the Tryal of ſmall Cauſes.*

3. *An Act for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons, who abſcond themſelves.*

4. *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of* Middleſex *to build a Work-Houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid County, and to make Rules and Orders for the Government of the ſame.*

5. *An Act for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, Playing of Cards and Dice, and other Gaming for lucre of Gain; and to reſtrain the Abuſes of Horſe-Racing within this Colony for the future.*

6. *An Act for Naturalizing* Hendrick Goeglets.

And then His Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly to the Sixteenth Day of *February* next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

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